



# CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE

Thursday, March 13, 1997

"Home of the AuSable River"



**PUPPY LOVE** -- Carolyn Harris, a resident at the Meadows of Grayling, holds a puppy from the Animal Shelter of Crawford County. The puppies are brought once a month to the Meadows by residents from Camp Shawano. The Camp Shawano residents also take part in river restoration, highway beautification and other programs that benefit the community.

photo by Lisa Hofman

## Porritt-McConnell hired as new Grayling chamber, GAVC director

by Eric Gaertner  
News Editor

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce and Grayling Area Visitors Council (GAVC) have hired a new executive director, and she is set to begin her new position on Monday, March 17.

Lynn Porritt-McConnell of Grayling, was offered the executive director's position, and she accepted the offer.

Porritt-McConnell said she was very excited about getting the position. "I am looking forward to being able to work with the area businesses and getting more active in the community," she said.

The chamber and GAVC position became vacant when former director Jerry Meyer resigned at the end of January. Meyer, who was the executive director for two years, took a similar job in Rhode Island.

Porritt-McConnell was chosen out of 38 applicants for the position. The search committee cut down the number of persons to a workable number and conducted interviews. The applicants featured persons from the local community and other northern Michigan locations.

Jerry Royce, who was hired on an interim basis, will stay on to complete his 60 days of service. Royce's main purpose is to work as a bridge between Meyer's departure and Porritt-McConnell's arrival.

Although Royce was not on the search committee, he said of the new director, "She has a wealth of knowledge and experience."

Monte Burmeister, vice-president of the chamber of commerce and a member of the search committee, agreed with Royce.

"She (Porritt-McConnell) has extensive experience in the public and private sector," Burmeister said. "She has worked with government officials and private residents, which will help her in this position."

Burmeister also said the new director

has a good presence about her. When she talks to people, people will listen to her, Burmeister said.

Porritt-McConnell's background for this position comes from her work as Lapeer County Treasurer and her volunteer work with a chamber of

## Proposed sportsplex being 'steered' toward election

by Eric Gaertner  
News Editor

The initial and long-range costs of operating and building a Crawford County Sportsplex continue to be hashed out by members of a group formed to discuss the feasibility of a large recreation center in the county.

Specifics concerning the location also were discussed last week, in a group meeting.

The county residents, who have formed a steering committee to get the proposed sportsplex going, met initially on Feb. 26, and continue to move forward. The concept of the recreation center is to have an all-purpose gymnasium, a recreation swimming pool, an ice rink, a conference room, a walking area and possibly a fitness center.

"Personally, the long winters and lack of youth activities during the winter, are reasons I like the sportsplex idea. And this would not only be for the youth of the county, but it can be used by all ages."

--- Randy Richardson,  
one of residents who  
started sportsplex group

commerce in southern Michigan.

Porritt-McConnell is married to Col. Gary McConnell, Camp Grayling commander. She has lived in Grayling since November 1995, and has been visiting the area for a long time, prior to moving to the area.

After meeting with some private and county officials, the projected millage needed to build the facility and operate it would be one mill over 30 years. For a resident with a \$60,000 home, that person would pay \$30 in taxes a year on this one mill.

The specifics surrounding the millage have not been completed, because one of the next steps for the committee is to raise \$6,000 for the millage proposal to be put on a special election ballot. According to the committee, at least a down payment would have to be made to the county clerk's office by June 1, to be on the ballot.

The location continues to be an issue, although the committee has a number-one choice. The group attended the March 4 Crawford County Fair board meeting to request two-acre piece of the county land on which the fair resides.

The location is in Grayling Township at the corner of Old-27 and M-93. The Fair board has not ruled one way or another officially, but Fair Board President David Lovely and Mike Shearer, a steering committee member, met Feb. 5 to view the location.

Department of Natural Resources official Jim McMillan also was at the fair board meeting. He said the idea of a recreation facility would fall under the public-use concept, stated when the deed was passed over to the county from the state. Crawford County owns this land, and there is additional state land behind the site, if viewing from

## Resignation prompts appointment of new fire chief, assistant chief

### Dean Goss named new fire department head

by Eric Gaertner  
News Editor

The Grayling City and Township Fire Department has a new fire chief and assistant fire chief.

Dean Goss will become the new fire chief effective April 1, following the resignation of current fire chief, Russell Strohpaul, Jr. Goss is the current assistant chief, so that position will be filled by Duane Brooks effective April 1.

Grayling City Manager Jerry Morford announced the appointments at the March 10 city council meeting. As city manager, the appointments are his, since he is responsible for the position.

As has been the practice in the past, the fire department staff conducted an election for chief and assistant chief. Goss and Brooks were elected and Morford made the appointments.

The shake-up of the fire department officials came from the resignation of Strohpaul, which also was announced at Monday's meeting. Although he is resigning as chief, Strohpaul will remain on as a firefighter for the department.

In his letter to the city manager, Strohpaul stated that he is resigning "due to personal and employment conflicts."

Notice of the impending resignation also was sent to Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright.

In other city action, the council members unanimously approved a

resolution granting a request to transfer a liquor license. The liquor-license transfer is based on the sale of the Holiday Inn in Grayling.

The license (Dance-Entertainment Permit) will be transferred with the

## Golf community is in early development

by Eric Gaertner  
News Editor

The project and real estate team planning on developing a private golf and country club in South Branch Township, requested a meeting last week, and that is what they got.

The lead developers and partners in the project met with township, county, state and federal officials to discuss the golf course community.

Forest Dunes Golf and Country Club is planned to be a 1,200-acre, private, gate-guarded country club community. The focus of the community will be two 18-hole private golf courses. The real estate development firm spearheading the project, is based in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Jina Canzonetta, head of corporate communications for the project, said, "We wanted to get all of the entities together to discuss the project."

In attendance at the meeting were representatives of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners, Road Commission For Crawford

sale from Grayling Inns, Inc. to Hotel of Grayling, Inc. Primary stockholders of Hotel of Grayling, Inc., the new business owner, are Ralph Ayar of West Bloomfield, and Zuhair Ayar of Southfield.

The completed resolution for the transfer will be sent to the Liquor Control Commission.

County, county planning commission, Department of Natural Resources, United States Forest Service, area fire department and the Crawford County Sheriff's Office.

Neighboring property owners to the location of the golf community, also attended. The residential community golf area will be located where the South Branch Ranch formerly resided.



The purposed of the meeting was to go through the preliminary aspects of the development, and to get the process down for getting approval on other future steps, Canzonetta said.

"The information was very well received," Canzonetta said. "We received some good input from the officials and the neighbors."

The project's hydraulics study has begun. According to Canzonetta, this is one of the required, standard studies which need to be completed for a project of this type.

The survey of the land will begin later this week or next week, the Forest Dunes representative said. Then, the centerline of the golf courses will be cleared.

The design of the golf courses also will continue to move forward. There will be two distinct 18-hole championship golf courses in this project. One will be designed by PGA Senior Touring Professional Tom Weiskopf, and the other will be designed by two-time Master's Champion Ben Crenshaw.

According to Canzonetta, the land planner and Weiskopf will be walking the location in a couple of weeks.

It is possible that the first golf course could be open by 1998, and the second course by 1999.

## Duby appointed treasurer

Ann Duby, a former Lovells Township trustee, was appointed as the new Lovells Township treasurer at a special meeting on Thursday, March 6.

Duby will take over the treasurer duties on April 1.



**NEW DIRECTOR** — Lynn Porritt-McConnell was named the new Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce and Grayling Area Visitors Council executive director. She takes over for former director Jerry Meyer. Her first day on the job will be Monday, March 17.

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## ALIVE! supports federal tobacco regulations

History was made on Feb. 28. The first phase of the Food and Drug Administration rule limiting tobacco sales and advertising to children went into effect.

The first phase will require picture identification from any young person buying cigarettes and smokeless tobacco.

Additionally, the sale of tobacco will be prohibited to anyone younger than 18. The remaining sections of the rule, dealing with the sale of tobacco and tobacco advertising directed toward children, will be phased in over the next year and a half.

The ALIVE! Partnership for Positive Choices group fully supports this rule and commends the FDA for its efforts to address the serious public health problem of pediatric tobacco use. These regulations are a giant step forward in protecting children from the ravages of tobacco-caused disease.

"These regulations are a giant leap forward in keeping tobacco out of the hands of children," said Mary Nama, ALIVE member. "The tobacco com-

panies need 3,000 new smokers each day to replace those who quit smoking or die. Since almost all people begin using tobacco before the age of 19, it's clear that most of these new smokers will be children. Once addicted to nicotine, children have as much difficulty quitting as adults do. One-third of them will die prematurely as a result of their tobacco use. The FDA and the Clinton Administration are absolutely correct to be concerned about this important public health problem."

The FDA first proposed regulating tobacco a year and a half ago, issuing the rule last August. The rule was the result of an extensive investigation into tobacco companies' practices, such as manipulating nicotine to keep smokers addicted.

This investigation also concluded that tobacco products are drug-deliver devices as defined by federal laws already passed and are therefore subject to FDA regulation. After announcing the proposed regulations, the FDA accepted public comment and reviewed the hundreds of thousands

of comments received.

The rule addresses youth access through several avenues. In addition to the portions of the rule being implemented on Feb. 28, the rule will also regulate or eliminate easy methods of access, such as vending machines, free samples and self-service displays. In addition, the appeal of tobacco use will be reduced by restricting advertising directed at youth. These sections of the rule will be phased out over the next year and a half.

"We are delighted that these regulations are taking effect. It is indeed a momentous occasion in public health. The problem of tobacco use among children is one that we are finally taking seriously," said Nama.

The FDA implementation timeline is as follows: Feb. 28, 1997 - first FDA regulations go into effect. The regulations are no cigarette sales to anyone under the age of 18 and a picture ID is required for anyone purchasing cigarettes over-the-counter and who appears to be younger than age 26.

Aug. 28, 1997 - FDA regulations

addressing most advertising practices go into effect. There are as follows: prohibits the sale of single cigarettes and packages of less than 20; limits vending machine sales and self-service displays only to places where minors are not allowed; prohibits free sampling of cigarettes; bans outdoor advertising (black and white, text only format) for all other outdoor advertising, including billboards, signs inside and outside of buses and all point-of-sale advertising; permits tombstone advertising in publications with significant youth readership; prohibits the sale or giveaway of tobacco promotional products like caps and jackets that carry cigarette or smokeless tobacco product brand names or logos.

Aug. 28, 1998 - the remaining FDA regulations go into effect: Prohibits brand name sponsorship of events. Corporate sponsorship is still allowed. Sponsorship of individual teams or entries within a sporting event is also prohibited.

## GHS band earns trip to state

by Lisa Hofman  
Staff Reporter

The Grayling High School band earned itself a trip to state competition by earning a 1 rating at the district festival.

"This is the first I the GHS band has received as a Class B school, all the others have come as a Class C school," said GHS band director Dennis Ormsbee.

The festival, held at Traverse City Central Grade School on Feb. 22, saw the Vikings compete in a sight reading portion, as well as in a concert portion.

In sight reading the band has seven minutes to prepare two musical selections that they have never seen before.

Once the seven minutes is up the band must perform the pieces. "Tempo

and style changes very well done," commented the sight reading judge, Henry Nelson.

Nelson gave the Vikings an A grade in tone, intonation, rhythm, technique and interpretation for an overall grade of A.

In the concert portion of the contest, the band played *Florentiner, Transcendental Vienna* and *Incantations*.

The three judges, which listened to all three selections were Jeff Bennett the director of music at East Kentwood High School in Grand Rapids, Jim Huber the music administrator for Midland Schools and Dave Smith a composer from Grand Rapids.

"I can't tell you how much I enjoyed listening to (this band) today. This is a great band," Bennett said.

Bennett also complimented the Vikings on their wonderful parent support.

"We had a lot of parents there. We want the parents in the room with the band."

The state competition is currently scheduled for April 25-26. "I think we'll perform on the 26th at Alpena High School," Ormsbee said.

The band will be holding a fund raiser on Friday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m. They will perform a pictorial piece about the bombing of Dresden, Barnum and Bailey's Circus March and the jazz band will perform.

The fund-raiser is designed to help the band pay for trips to Western Michigan University and Chicago.

On April 11, the band will perform at Western at 1 p.m. in Miller Auditorium.

## Fishing license prices increase

Prices for State of Michigan fishing licenses were raised for the 1997 fishing season.

A restricted license, which does not permit the fishermen to catch trout or salmon, will cost \$13. Senior citizens will be required to pay \$5.20 and non-residents must pay \$26.

A new all species license, which does include trout and salmon, will cost \$26 for residents, \$10.40 for senior citizens and \$39 for non-residents.

There is no longer a discount offered for spouses.

The senior citizen license price increased but it is still discounted 60 percent of the regular price.

A 24-hour fishing license is available to all residents and non-residents for \$6. Senior citizen residents and non-resident will have to pay \$3.

The licenses went on sale March 1 and are good for 13 months.

## Brunskill to compete for Michigan Junior Miss title

by Lisa Hofman  
Staff Reporter

Kate Brunskill, Grayling Junior Miss 1996, traveled to Alpena March 9 to begin a week-long preparation to compete for the title of Michigan Junior Miss.

Brunskill, the daughter of Brian Brunskill and Gina Bidwell and the late Jaymie Brunskill, is a senior at Grayling High School.

During the week, Brunskill and 17 other young women, will be participating in a vigorous rehearsal schedule, several seminars, museum tours and shopping trips through Alpena.

Another portion of the program will be a trip to the public safety building. "We're going to attend personal safety and date rape prevention seminars," Brunskill said.



Kate Brunskill

The contestants will also get a mini-course on first aid and CPR. Brunskill must also spend each day working on her homework.

"My teachers have already given me the assignments that I need to have done," Brunskill said.

As Grayling's Junior Miss, Brunskill was "involved in the community. I attended the Traverse City Royal Parade, the Kalkaska Trout Festival and took part in the Milltown Festival week-long celebration," Brunskill said. Brunskill, who plans to attend Western Michigan University in the fall, will change her mind if she is announced the winner of Michigan's Junior Miss contest.

"Fifteen colleges are offering scholarships, but Western isn't one of them," Brunskill said. "Troy State in Alabama is offering a full-ride. No one will have to twist my arm to attend college in Alabama."

According to Brunskill, the most difficult part of the Junior Miss program was the interview portion. "That's about as nerve-racking as it gets," Brunskill said.

However, at Michigan's Junior Miss program contestants will be asked to speak for 30 seconds on one topic, rather than answer a randomly-drawn question.

"We have to speak for 30 seconds on a topic that is important to us. I'm going to talk about the lack of family values," Brunskill said.

While in Alpena, Brunskill will be rooming with another contestant in a home environment. Nine host families were picked to host the contestants.

"Because I'm rooming with another girl we can share ideas. I'm hoping it's not so competitive that we can't help each other," Brunskill said.

The Michigan Junior Miss will be announced during the program on Saturday, March 15, at Alpena High School's Stanley C. Beck Auditorium. The Michigan Junior Miss will then attend America's Junior Miss program in Mobile, Alabama in late June.

Brunskill's trip to Alpena is being provided by Mercy Hospital, Airway Automation and Monty and Janice Bidwell.

## Park board formed

by Eric Gaertner  
News Editor

Crawford County will have its own park commission.

The county board of commissioners approved a motion at their March 4 meeting forming a Crawford County Park Commission. The purpose of the commission is to run the current parks and to be in position to receive other properties from the State of Michigan.

The park commission will consist of a representative from the City of Grayling and each township in Crawford County. The representatives will be appointed by the board of commissioners.

"We feel this commission will help us support the county in getting state land for county use," County Chairman Bruce Bretzke said. The state may be more apt to release some land with the park commission established to direct its use, Bretzke pointed out.

According to Bretzke, the county may take back control of the fish hatchery. The county owns the facility, but the Grayling Recreation Authority has been operating it on a hand-shake agreement.

"We may incorporate the fish hatchery into the new park commission," Bretzke said.

In other county board action, the commissioners have decided to put the maintenance and custodial courthouse staff under the control of the county board.

The motion states that the maintenance and custodial staff will take all work assignments directly from the board with the chairman as the acting liaison. The staff used to be under the county clerk's control.

"The job hasn't been getting done for what the people of Crawford County should expect, so the county board put it under their wing," Bretzke said.

The board also decided to hire temporary labor assistance for \$500 to upgrade the cleanliness conditions of the courthouse. Bretzke said the idea is to keep it to this standard after the outside service cleans the courthouse.

The county may look at privatizing the maintenance and custodial positions in the future, Bretzke added.

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## Bands have 'off' night

The seventh and eighth grade bands at Grayling Middle School earned a rating of II in performance and a rating of I in sight reading.

"For the eighth graders I thought it was an off night," said director Dennis Ormsbee.

The eighth graders competed in Gaylord on Friday, Feb. 28. The seventh grade band competed on Saturday night.

Both bands are currently concentrating on improving for next year because the band had to earn a I rating to compete at the state level.

## BITS OF TALK

By Fay Bovee — 348-7017

Shawn Redmond, six-year-old from Ferndale and Paul Garcia, eleven-year-old from Warren, spent week before last with their grandparents, Eldon and Heather Smith of Maple Forest. They were on their winter break and came to enjoy the snow. They went sledding, made a fort, and thoroughly enjoyed Thursday's blizzard.

Carl and Rose Hatfield returned home last week after spending two weeks' vacation in the southern states. They spent one week with Jon and Cynthia Williams in Englewood, Florida. On their return to Michigan they traveled up through the Carolinas and West Virginia where they visited potteries and antique shops. They saw evidence of the floods that were starting as people were moving to higher ground and cut their trip short in order to get back north a little further.

The end of February saw the end of the competition between the Kiwanis Club and the Rotary Club with the Rotary Club being the winners of the 'coveted' trophy. The Crawford County Community Christian Help Center was the virtual winner with approximately \$700 worth of groceries plus \$200 from the losing club and

\$100 from the winning club.

Our sympathies to the Russ and Jane Stevens family of Stevens Family Circle with the death of her mother, Mrs. Mignon Shirley, 92, who died in Cadillac at the Lutheran Nursing Manor. Memorial services will be held later in the spring.

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church will be having a soup and 'make your own sandwich' luncheon on Tuesday, March 18. They will be serving from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Jerry and Jane Larson spent a three-week vacation driving to Tucson, Arizona, where they spent ten days with George and Janet Dice, former Grayling residents. The four of them visited with Terry and Jennifer Hilton, who also live in Tucson. With the Hiltons, they spent one day in Nogales, Mexico. They did a lot of other sightseeing, including the Biosphere which is about 30 miles north of Tucson, Sabino Canyon, Mt. Limmon, the Botanical Gardens and several museums. On their trip they stopped in Newmarket, Iowa, to visit Jane's mother, Ruby O'Connor, and Jane's sister and husband, Norma and Mike

Wilness.

Don and Elsie Jansen have returned from Alabama where they spent three weeks. They went to Tuscaloosa where they made the acquaintance of Don's second cousin, Vernal Jansen and his wife. Don had found his name in the submariner's national magazine, Polaris, and realized that was a family name and found that he was a fellow submariner. They visited in Tuscaloosa for three days before going on to Gulf Shores for the rest of the time. While there they visited some Grayling people and spent one day in Pensacola, Florida, visiting another of Don's submariner shipmates.

Members of the Grayling Ministerial Association were guests at the Kiwanis Club of Grayling on Monday, March 3, at the regular meeting at Iron Gate Restaurant. The occasion was Clergy Appreciation Day and eight members were in attendance. Each told a little about their ministry, how long they had been in the area, and comments on their community. Mary Nana, education director at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, who is a Kiwanis member, coordinated the program and introduced the guests.

## FOOTNOTES FROM THE HILLS

### Grayling Recreation Authority News

by Cindy Olson

**Closing Weekend Special** — March 15 and 16. Hanson Hills will have \$5 rental plus \$5 tow fees.

**Saturday, March 15** — Hanson Hills will be closing at 5 p.m.

**Breakfast With The Easter Bunny** — March 29 Hanson Hills will hold its annual Breakfast With The Easter Bunny. Breakfast will be from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Cost will be \$2 per child and \$3 per adult. Easter egg hunt will start at 10:30 a.m. Get a picture taken with Easter Bunny for \$2. There will also be a raffle for kids to win an Easter basket filled with goodies. There will also be an adult raffle for a complete Easter Dinner for four.

**Men's Softball Meeting** — Friday April 11 at 6:45 p.m. in the Main Lodge at Hanson Hills. Anyone interested in playing or coaching should attend this meeting or call the main office with information at 348-9266.

**Indoor Soccer Registration** — Grades K-4, register by March 21. Season begins Saturday, April 12.

### Card of thanks

I truly would like to thank the fishermen for turning out; without you there would not be a fishing contest. And a special thanks to Kathy Olson and the merchants that helped out.

Hopefully in a few years this contest will grow, and people from out-of-town will come here to fish in it. But I am going to need more help from the merchants. My apology for giving such short notice on the contest, and next time we will get an earlier start. Thank you.

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Lady Slipper Gifts  
Ice House  
Flowers by Josie  
Artworks Gallery

## National scholar named

Kris Urie, a senior at Grayling High School, has been notified that he has met the rigorous requirements for Finalist standing in the 1997 competition of the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Finalists have the distinction of representing one-half of one percent of United States high school graduating seniors. In order to become a Finalist, Kris had to confirm his PSAT/NMSQT performance on one of the SAT I national administrations. He also had to submit an application giving information about activities and awards, a self-description of personal characteristics and accomplishments, and biographical information.

Kris has been accepted by the University of Michigan School of Engineering for the fall semester. He

is the son of Catherine and Mike Heaven, and A.J. and Wanda Urie, and the Grandson of Bernice Hilton.



Kris Urie

## Grayling rep urges ban of partial-birth abortions

As President Bill Clinton addressed a joint session of the Michigan Legislature, a northern Michigan lawmaker co-sponsored a House resolution urging him and Congress to ban partial-birth abortions.

State Rep. Allen Lowe (R-Grayling) said the issue needs to be revisited after the recent confession of a prominent abortion rights supporter. Ron Fitzsimmons, executive director of the National Coalition of Abortion Providers, admitted that he lied last year when he said partial-birth abortions are performed rarely and only to save the mother's life.

"This sheds new light on an important moral matter," Lowe said. "When President Clinton vetoed the partial-birth abortion ban last year, his decision was based on false information. Now

the president should confront these facts and rethink the issue."

The resolution coincides with activity by congressional leaders who are renewing their efforts to ban the late-term abortion procedure.

"This repugnant practice is consistently condemned by most of the medical community," Lowe said. "The procedure involves extracting a child through the birth canal feet first and then suctioning out the brain."

Last year, Michigan was among the first states in the nation to outlaw partial-birth abortions.

"Michigan should lead the way again this year," Lowe said. "Let's send a message to the president and other federal lawmakers that this practice is unacceptable."

## SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

**Special thought for the week:** A hot argument has lost many a warm friend.

St. Patrick's Day is approaching and for all you good Irishmen out there, please take pity on all of those that aren't Irish and wish them a warm, happy day and tell them that you hope they're in heaven a half hour before the devil knows they're gone.

**Happenings at the Center:** Remember, "Pantry Bingo" every Friday at 1 p.m. Birthday luncheon on March 12 at 12:30 for all the March birthday people; Sunday potluck on March 14 at 4 p.m. — just bring a dish to pass and your tableware. (We have loads of fun and really good things to eat.) Hangman at 5:30 on March 17; on March 18, a speaker from Alpena talking on legal affairs at 12:30; and CDA Board meeting at 5:30 on March 19. Share pick-up on March 21 at 1:30 at the Latter Day Saints Church on North Down River Road and Legal help at the Center on March 21 at 1:30.

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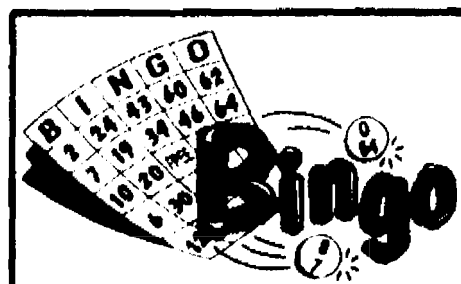
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under 60, for a person to have a meal. Please try to make a reservation if you can by calling 348-7123. Menus are subject to change without notice.

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# OPINIONS

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



## ALMANACK

Richard Milliman

## Do viewers really demand violence?

**DO CRIME** and violence as depicted on television feed upon themselves?

Answers vary. There's little question that there are plenty of crime and violence on television, especially on most television news shows.

Shootings, beatings, fires, accidents, trials — these make up much of a local TV newscast.

One view holds that is so because that's what's happening.

A less kind opinion is that the more sensational — meaning bloody and violent — a newscast can be, the more attractive it is to viewers.

Stations are accused of hyping up their news reports during rating periods — that is, when viewing audience is measured to establish advertising rates. The higher the rating, the more money the station or network can charge for advertising.

Is it overdone? Many voices answer "Yes."

**BILL STEELE**, director of an organization called Institute for Trauma and Loss in Children, located in Wayne County, recently expressed concern.

"It gets to you. You can't avoid it,"

he said.

"You get a myopic view. People begin to look at the world through the eyes of the TV and they see things that aren't there."

Ben Burns, a Wayne State University journalism professor, cited a 1993 study on bad news:

"We concluded that there is a definite correlation between negative news — in which the reader or viewer sees no positive solution — and the consumer's feeling of helplessness in what's wrong with society."

Both the Steele and Burns quotes appeared in a recent article in The Detroit News.

But despite the fears of the public, generally it just isn't so. Crime and violence are not nearly as rampant as their reporting makes it seem.

Crime statistics in most cities bear out this phenomenon.

**IF CHANGES** are to be made in how news of crime or violence is to be presented, they obviously will have to come from outside the communications industry.

If depicting crime and violence didn't sell, it would stop.

The question remains as to whether depicted violence begets more

violence. Probably not in most cases.

But it's those "every once in a while" occurrences which are frightening.

Stephen King, author of dozens of horror novels which revel in violence, said recently that he regretted publishing only one of his novels.

In that one, a disturbed adolescent killed his teacher and held his classmates hostage.

Sadly, the scenario was repeated in real life after the student had read the King novel.

One case does not make a pattern, but depicting violence does seem to beget violence, and depicting crime does seem to beget crime.

**MOST OF THOSE** in the violence depiction industry disagree.

David Lynch, who has produced several films and TV shows with questionable content, is one.

"I don't know what these people are saying," Mr. Lynch said.

"Is it that if you depicted no graphic violence, the world would calm down and there would be less violence?"

"Or is it that if you sense certain things about violence and then portray those things in a film, does that make the violence go to another level?"

"If we only put out pleasant films,

nothing would really stop, except that people would stop going to the movies."

Mr. Lynch is preaching what those who profit from spreading questionable and disagreeable material usually plead:

They're only giving the viewer (reader, public, listener) what they want.

Although this is not completely accurate, unfortunately there is much truth in this disclaimer.

The best way to clean up the airwaves and the printed page is to clean up ourselves first.

If we didn't listen to filth on the radio, watch filth on television, read filth in books, newspapers and magazines, they would wither and disappear.

Who knows whether people would stop going to movies if they were all pleasant ones, as Mr. Lynch claims.

Nobody has tried it in a long, long time.

*Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.*



James Briney

## VIEWPOINT

by James Briney, Managing Director of The Road Commission For Crawford County

## More ready for spring, preparing for the future

Since the first of the year, The Road Commission For Crawford County has taken action to enter the final phase of a three-year transition begun in September of 1994. The sale of outdated construction equipment, no longer used, is making it possible for your Road Commission to focus on improving road maintenance service.

Getting out of the direct construction of roads allows our agency to provide the equipment, materials and labor to improve basic services. Basic road maintenance includes year around road maintenance in every season: summer and winter blading, plowing, sanding, salting, brush trimming, sign placement and replacement, centerline painting, bridge maintenance, shoulder maintenance, rest area maintenance, mowing, crack sealing and patching.

Because we are no longer simply replacing, piece for piece, the excavators, cranes, dozers and other machines used for road construction and have sold that which we no longer use, money is available to purchase the sort of equipment most suited to the tasks at hand. Within 60 days, or less, we will have five methods for filling potholes. Methods that are safer, longer lasting and more efficient.

The latest addition to this fundamental necessity is the Spaulding, triple-walled, four-ton, heated patch

trailer. This device enhances the capabilities already in place. The two-ton Spaulding, an AMZ Magnum, the Patchrite 5000 and our remaining one-ton dump truck. These devices give us the variety of approaches required at this time, when sufficient funds are not available to rebuild Michigan's aging roads.

In all situations and circumstances: hot or cold, wet or dry, high or low traffic volumes, good or poor sight distance, local or primary roads and state trunklines, your Road Commission will be using equipment to catch up and keep up with the ever increasing demand to fill pot holes. And just in time. Soon the greatest 'spring break up' will be upon us. As the winter frost leaves the ground, in a succession of thaw and freeze cycles, our work force will have sufficient equipment to fill potholes with quality materials.

There will always be holes in the road that need to be filled. That is the nature of the business, given the forces of nature. The reason there are more holes to fill, than ever before, is because most of the roads in Michigan are way past their life expectancy. But, using all of the resources, directly and indirectly available to The Road Commission For Crawford County, we are better prepared for the worst.

With the leadership of Road

Commission Board Chairman Ray Swiercz, who called for the adoption of our "mission statement," which defines our purpose, we have clearly identified goals and a strong sense of direction. Coupled with a well-experienced crew we are able to concentrate on the job of road maintenance. During the first meeting he chaired, Chairman Swiercz asked that our mission statement be prepared for Board consideration and action. That statement, which follows, was adopted by the full Board on Jan. 23, 1997 and serves as our guide in making budget, equipment, personnel, materials, training and other related decisions:

*"We are devoted to the on-going process of becoming a full-service, quick-response road maintenance organization. The safety of our work force and the public is the number one priority of The Road Commission For Crawford County. Our mission, throughout the year, in every season, is to provide a reasonably safe and adequate road system while striving to become the most effective, efficient, and safe road maintenance agency in the world."*

Why "the best in the world"? Because we intend to go beyond the best in Michigan, by applying what is known from wherever road maintenance is done. We want that

challenge, and the opportunity to take a different approach, when it will lead to better results.

This spring, summer and fall, when you see Road Commission crews working, often in difficult situations, we ask that you understand why they are there and what they are accomplishing on your behalf. We are on the verge of doing the very best we can, with what we have. Once the transition is complete, and our focus is on continuing to improve maintenance operations, we will remain devoted to the process of communicating better, working well together and providing the safest and most adequate road maintenance program possible.

Since the transition began, your Road Commission has accomplished more construction on roads and bridges by working with local officials, state and federal funding sources and contractors, through the competitive bid process. Just as we are becoming better at road maintenance, we recognize private contractors are able to build roads more efficiently. So, when funding is available through grant and matching fund application programs, you will continue to see some roads and bridges being rebuilt, while our crews are doing more than ever before to provide basic maintenance services.

## Lottery employee wants the Grayling office to remain open

To the editor,

By now many of you have read or heard of the news article regarding the "hiring freeze" for Michigan's state employees. Not only does the governor have two sets of rules, he is also planning to downsize another department, the Bureau of State Lottery. The Lottery office in Grayling is the target for right now. We cover from Clare to the Mackinaw Bridge (27 counties).

We received a fax "by accident" of the proposal to close this office. Needless to say it was a shock. When the person in Lansing discovered the mistake, he immediately called our office and told us to destroy the proposal and forget it. But if we were supposed to forget we ever saw it in the first place, why did the deputy commissioner and sales manager call a meeting for that same afternoon here at the office. They had to drive all the way up here from Lansing so we would forget we saw the proposal? How stupid do they think we are? We had to call our district people in from four different areas, some up to one-and-a-half hours away just for this meeting.

In an attempt to downsize the Lottery, the commissioner and deputy commissioners are proposing to close the Grayling office. They will abolish the positions of regional manager, one district sales representative (out of four, the remaining three will have beepers and report directly to Lansing), and two clerical positions. The regional manager and the district sales representative are both retiring but the clerical cannot. The clerical will be offered a job in either Lansing or Detroit, and if we don't take what they offer we will be laid off. The remaining district sales representatives will have to cover the entire 27 counties (the top 400 ticket sellers). Anything over that will probably be privatized. This has already happened in the Lansing office. They have already privatized the telemarketing, ticket accounting and part of the warehouse sections. How long until they close more offices?

This office is an important part of northern Michigan due to the facts that we not only pay winners here, we have many walk-in customers that may have questions, want different forms or want past lottery numbers. We have retailers (over 400) that contact our office with questions or need supplies, and we keep our district sales representatives current on matters that relate to their districts.

If they close this office, who is going to pay your winning tickets of \$600 or more? Who is going to answer your questions? Who is going to greet you when you come in the door with a smile and a cherry "Hello"? Who is going to send your weekly entries to Lansing and wish you "good luck"? You'll have to mail your entries now and possibly have to take your winning ticket to the next closest office which is in Bridgeport (until they decide to close it). After that it will be Lansing.

We were told that, right now, it is only a "proposal", but we all know what that means. We were told there were several other proposals but when I asked to see them, that maybe we could expand, improve or give them more insight into facts, I received a resounding "No". It sure looks to me like this is a done deal.

We had a second meeting on Feb. 24, with the commissioner and the deputy commissioner of marketing. Also, they told us that the proposal still wasn't complete, but (and this is a big "but") it is now on the Governor's desk for approval. If the proposal isn't complete, how can they send it to the Governor for approval?

We, the employees, have no say in the matter. That's why we need you, the public, to get involved. We need you to let the state government know how you feel about this office. We are here for your convenience, do you want that taken away?

If you want to keep this office open, please contact your senators, congressmen, representatives, the commissioner of the lottery bureau and the governor.

Janet Gugin  
Grayling

## Questions concerning proposed county projects need answers

To the editor,

Drag racing and gated golfing for the wealthy promise tax relief and jobs, the stuff dreams are made of. We must assess whether these dreams can come true. Like other writers, I need to be persuaded. The Avalanche's reports will help me decide whether Crawford County should invest resources and services in them.

Let me suggest a few questions to advance that evaluation:

1) Who will build the 800 quarter million dollar houses, the golf courses, the drag strip and racing oval and road track, the grandstand and parking facilities? We have many contractors in the area. Will the developers' corporations hire the county's builders, plumbers, electricians, heating contractors? Who will handle the materials? Local lumber yards, plumbing, heating and electrical suppliers? Should we not require that local skilled craftsmen and women be employed in assembling materials local businesses handle for these massive projects?

2) Who will manage and work at these properties, and at what wages? This can be easily determined by asking the planners to provide the record from other developments they have brought about. What local people did they engage, and at what wage level during construction and after construction was complete? We should confirm these records with the communities that welcomed them.

3) The race track apparently requires state land. Will state land be purchased at fair market value? Some might suspect a subsidy in cheap land as part of the planning. That may be a

boon for the planners, but of uncertain value to the county. What impact will 100,000 race fans have on the area's capacity to house them, or will they be day-trippers?

4) What infrastructure must be created to support these developments? Will the volunteer fire departments in Roscommon and Grayling satisfy the 800 owners of mansions? Will widening roads and additional policing be necessary to control 100,000 race fans? Should the developers cover these costs?

5) Quality of life has made Crawford County attractive to its residents. How will it be affected by these developments?

My reading of the Avalanche reassures me that Bruce Bretzke and the other commissioners are proceeding intelligently, and that means cautiously, in evaluating these developments. Frankly, I am skeptical about the future of both. I would like to see a signed contract with NASCAR or NHRA, or some other respected racing organization, that assures this track will be used for sanctioned events. Will it have to take an event away from Michigan International Speedway? I am also an avid golfer, but I, like all other citizens of Crawford County, will be locked out of that development. And I am skeptical that those who purchase the quarter of a million dollar fairway houses will find the amenities of our area suited to their lifestyle and tastes.

That leads me finally to the need for bonding to protect us from eyesores should these projects fail.

Phil Korth  
Eagle/Grayling

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# TALL TIMBER TALES

by Mark Stormzand

## Ice Capades

There it was again, that low rumble that pierced the winter stillness. The sound was similar to a thunder clap off in the distance. I was sure what was making the noise; but hoped I was wrong. There was the crack again. This time very loud and very close. I waited a few moments before I slowly proceeded. "Crack!", and this time I felt it. I sprang to my stomach, rolled over on my back and quickly worked the buckles loose on my snowshoes.

If I was going to take a plunge, the last thing I wanted on my feet were snowshoes. As I wrestled with my snowshoes, I searched for my dog, Prairie. She was about 50 feet to my left and she was laying down, too. She must have sensed the danger. Finally, I freed both snowshoes, laid them on the ice next to me, and rolled onto them. I outstretched my arms and legs to disperse my weight as much as possible. Waiting for the next crack (and maybe the final one, I thought) I noticed Prairie again. So much for the instinct theory. My previous quick glance only revealed a dog laying down. My second glance told me she had just stopped to clean the snow out from between her paws. With a quick flick of her head and tail, she was up on all fours. Seeing me in the prone position meant only one thing to her. Playtime!

Anyone who has owned a dog knows the next series of events. She exploded into action, tail and head almost meeting. With a smile on her face and her ears back, she quickly galloped to the source of action... which was, in this case, me.

"Stay! Prairie, Stay!" I said in a frantic voice. The last thing I needed right then was 90 more pounds on top of this thin ice. This time she must have sensed the urgency in my voice, because she pulled up a few yards short of me. "DOWN!", I told her, and she did.

Whenever I get into situations like this, I usually quote those two famous philosophers, Laurel and Hardy. "Well, this is another fine mess you've gotten us into." The only problem is "us" is usually me. I laid still, hardly breathing, for what seemed like hours. It was probably only minutes. I heard a few more cracks and felt a few, but they felt farther away. Prairie lost interest and was off, heading for the shore. I needed to do the same, but I had to be far more cautious. I started crawling like a marine from one of those John Wayne movies I saw as a kid. The shore of the lake was about 200 feet ahead of me. There sitting on the shore was Prairie chewing a stick she had found. Within 50 feet I felt the ice crack and sag. At this point I would probably get a soaking, but I was pretty sure I would not drown. Luckily, the cracking stopped. Finally, I reached shore and was greeted with a lick and a stick from Prairie.

I got to my feet, brushed the snow off my wool pants and coat, and strapped the snowshoes back on. One thing was for certain, I was not going to retrace my tracks across the lake. Short cut or not, it's too early in the season for a swim. Walking the two extra miles via the road seemed a far better option.

I started out the morning doing some forestry work on the south side of

Spring Lake. As the day progressed, I could hear a harvesting operation which was taking place on the north shore of the lake. I knew this work was being done on the Walsh property because I had made the forest management recommendations the previous fall. I wanted to visit the property to see how things were progressing, so I had tried the straightest route, which was across the lake. "But not on the way back," I said to myself scrambling up the bank from the beach.

The land rose dramatically from the beach. As I climbed, the timber turned from cedar to white birch, soft maple, and balsam, then to a northern hardwood stand of sugar maple, beech, and ash. As the land rose, so did the destruction. The higher I climbed the more ice was caked on the trees. Everywhere I looked there were downed trees, broken tops, and broken off branches. Even in Michigan where the elevation does not vary much, the difference in 20 feet made all the difference in the world.

A few days earlier, we had been hit with a wicked ice storm. And from where I stood, I could see that the higher you got, the colder the air must have been. Along the lake where it was warmer, the rain had not frozen. As the elevation increased and the temperature dropped, the rain froze and clung to everything. I was truly amazed at the damage. I was looking at acres and acres of broken trees. Because the tops had snapped out of most of these trees, chances were they would die. This was a shame because the stand was not quite mature and should have been left to grow another 15 or more years before any harvesting

took place.

Walking was a bit tricky as I weaved my way through downed trees and broken branches. Prairie was in seventh heaven with all of the sticks laying about. She would grab one, shake her head and take off at a trot only to drop that stick and grab a new one.

Through the maze, I finally made it to the harvesting operation. I waved to Cody, one of the equipment operators. He acknowledged my presence by shutting off his machine and climbing out of the cab. "Quite a mess, eh?" Cody said lighting up his pipe. Nodding, I said, "You got that right." "Well, the way I see it, we should keep on cutting and utilize all of these damaged trees," he said.

"I agree. But I will have to check with the landowner first. The damaged areas are outside the cutting boundaries. But it would make absolutely no sense to let this natural resource go to waste. I will let you know," I stated.

Cody climbed back into the cab and I headed back to the lake. As I walked I thought how destructive mother nature can be. She can blow a forest over with wind, invade it with insects and disease, flood it, and even freeze it. One thing is for certain, though. The forest always comes back. The age of the trees may change, but the forest still remains. Like all biological species, trees live, die, and reproduce. When humans use proper forest management, the same processes occur. We utilize this wonderful renewable resource as did generations before us and as generations who will follow.

With such deep thoughts in my head, I failed to notice the steep descent to the beach. I slid, tumbled, rolled, and landed with a thud on the frozen beach. Prairie was well out onto the ice when I 'stuck' my landing. As I picked myself up, she sat down and stared right at me. I could see her tail swishing behind her and I thought I could read her thoughts. "No way!" I said. "I've seen too much of Mother Nature's shenanigans for one day. I am taking the road."



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## EXTRA POINTS

Eric Gaertner

## The madness is upon us

Get your bracket yet? I sure did. Yep, that's right. It's that time of year again. The NCAA college basketball tournament is set to begin Thursday, when the 64 hoop teams tip it off for the right to be called "National Champions."

This season of college basketball has been called the year of mediocrity. The teams are all about the same, as a lot of the star players have skipped out

early for the dream of playing in the NBA.

This year of evenly matched teams makes picking the winners of each regional for the final four even tougher. In years past, some teams definitely jumped off the bracket and were shoe-ins to advance far into the tournament. That is not the case.

So keep this in mind when my Final

Four picks are ousted in the first round, and "Joe Blow", who hasn't watched a basketball game all season, wins the friendly, neighborhood pool.

It always seems easier to "guess" the Final Four teams after a couple of games are played in the tournament. But there is no waiting, so here are my Final Four: Kansas, North Carolina, Utah and Cincinnati.

Some other things I am predicting may occur. Princeton, a number-12 seed, is known for its tournament upsets with their cutting offense. This year they drew California in round one, and would likely face Villanova. Princeton has a better-than-average shot at winning both games to face North Carolina in the Sweet 16.

Another prediction to look for is Kentucky having trouble with the winner of Iowa-Virginia in the second round. Duke, a number-two seed, usually is a good tournament team because of Coach "K", but they could be beaten early this year because they rely too much on the three-point shot.

Whether your predictions are good or bad, one thing is for sure. The television will contain wall-to-wall hoops, so strap yourself in.

## EDITOR

### Crawford County is 'nature's cathedral' and should remain

To the editor,

Nature's glory is all I seek when I'm in Grayling. I cannot get excited about some bulky profit-taking enterprise, particularly a venue in Crawford County.

It teaches recklessness values to children and adults alike, and will

certainly reduce the quality of life of our special "nature's cathedral."

Turning Grayling into another northern Michigan urban center is a dubious goal.

Sincerely,

Tahha Harp  
Lovells Township

### Race track could cause some community problems

To whom it may concern:

Before proceeding with the autorace track issue, please consider all of the negative consequences.

The track, for the most part, will produce seasonal, minimum pay concession jobs. The traffic will be overwhelming. Can you imagine another 50- to 100-thousand vehicles traveling I-75 on a Sunday. Not to mention all the weekend guests traveling home. The track will kill all other forms of recreation in the area.

I have friends living in the Irish Hills, near Brooklyn, Mich. They are prisoners in their homes race days, because of the traffic congestion on US-12. The churches hold worship services on Wednesday. All of this congestion will discourage industry

offering steady, good-paying jobs with a future to locate here. The county is lacking funds to surface, or resurface, our existing roads. Where will the money come from for upgrading to handle this huge influx of traffic? I hope not from my tax dollar.

Similar proposals have been rejected in Kalkaska and the State Fair Grounds in Detroit. If it is such a benefit to the community, why was it rejected there?

Please consider the noise and all other forms of pollution before approving this proposal. We need to attract industry that will benefit our community. We don't need something that will create problems beyond our imagination.

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TUES. 18	•IMMERSION BUSINESS WOMEN'S Association dinner meeting @ 6:30 pm. •CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR ANIMALS meeting @ Milltown Groomers, 7 pm. For more information call 348-4117. •AUSABLE RIVER CANOE MARATHON meeting @ Mini Mall race office, 7 pm.
WED. 19	•IMMUNIZATION CLINIC & WIC Supplemental Food Program @ district health department. •WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church on M-72 W.; weigh-in 4:45 pm; meeting 5:30 pm. For more information call Sandy @ 348-5321. •GENERAL PARENTING EDUCATION & support group @ New Life Community Service, 7-8:30 pm. •ROTARY CLUB meeting @ Patti's Towne House, 12 noon. •CARD PARTY @ St. John Lutheran Church, 12 noon. •LIONS CLUB MEETING @ Breaker's Steak House, 6:30 pm. •COA BOARD MEETING @ Senior Citizen Center, 308 Lawndale, 5:30 pm.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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States Forestry Alliance, Inc., the Rural Development Councils of Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin, and the Johnson Foundation at their Wingspread Conference facility in Racine, Wisconsin, in January.

People across the country are demanding public deliberation in forest land-use planning processes while forest managers are struggling to find common ground among the diverse forest land users. The collaborative

learning techniques taught at the seminar can lead to public participation in land-use conflict and address both of these concerns and facilitate more creative strategies to the conflict. The seminar intended to:

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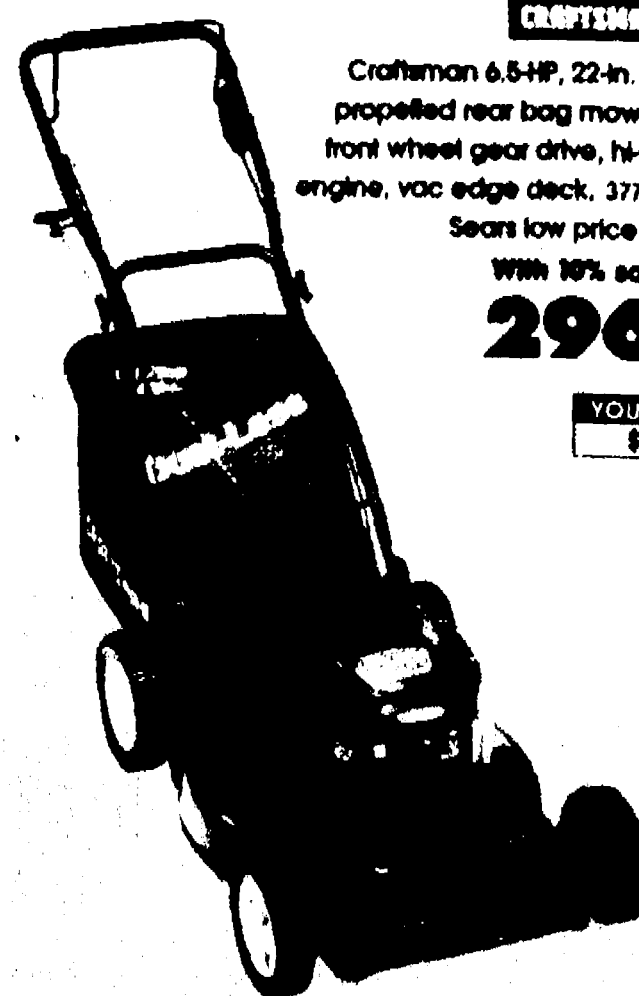
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# citizen deliberation and situation improvement in land use

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- Able to focus on concerns/interest rather than positions;
- Willing to take the time to understand others' views;
- Committed to the Alliance and active participation;
- Open minded, a problem-solver, creative and visionary.

Seminar trainers, Dr. Gregg Walker and Dr. Steve Daniels of Oregon State University, developed the concept of

"collaborative learning" as a tool to help citizens. They encourage participants to think differently about controversies, and learn from each other's expertise. Collaborative learning emphasizes improvement rather than solution, situation rather than problem, concerns and interests rather than positions, progress rather than success, systems thinking rather than linear thinking, and learning about science, issues and value differences

before improvements are possible.

The trainers emphasized the near impossibility of solving, once and for all, any natural resource problem because the problems are dynamic. They prompted participants to think instead of making progress, of improving the situation within the context of a learning environment.

"In the past, if we focused on voting for priorities, people in the minority felt powerless. This approach gives us

a chance to let all views be heard and considered. If we focus on 'situation improvement' we create a sense of open sharing, learning and exchange with each other. That changes everything," said Mark Heyde, Marathon County forester.

Similarly, Art Abramson, general manager of Champion International in Quinnesec, Mich. noted, "We're a large landowner and an industry with a high profile so we're just going to be

pulled into conflict issues. I was really most intrigued with the sense that we should focus our efforts on improving the situation rather than expecting ourselves to 'solve the problem.' That is doable and worth pursuing for all forest interest groups."

Likewise, the trainers motivated participants to focus on relationships among citizens and the process of deliberation. "So often, we expend our greatest energy and time focusing on the outcomes, the results, the solutions of our work on forest issues. We also need to focus on relationships among the participants and creating a process to learn from each other so we design the best strategies to sustain our communities and the forest environment in which our citizens live," noted Marcie McLaughlin, executive director of the Minnesota Rural Partners.

To follow-through, each state leader team created plans to share the information with others in their states and to utilize the ideas directly. State Rural Development Councils will be lead agencies in each state's plan. The Michigan group identified a couple of natural resource issues related to forest

wildlife and private woodland owners in which they might implement the collaborative learning process.

Participants felt the information would help them in their day-to-day work and civic responsibilities. "The program provided a great background for developing attitudes and skills with which to work in controversial natural resource issues in collaborative ways. However, the collaborative learning process can be useful in all kinds of contentious public policy situations," commented Barbara Clark, mayor of Hancock. Finally, the trainers told participants to be firm in considering diverse interests and flexible in the process to achieve situation improvements.

The Alliance was chartered by the Governors of Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota in 1987, renewed in 1992, to foster and facilitate cooperative efforts that enhance management and sustainable use of public and private forest lands in the three states. The Alliance founders believed that through cooperation, the three states can achieve greater benefits for their citizens than if each state worked alone.

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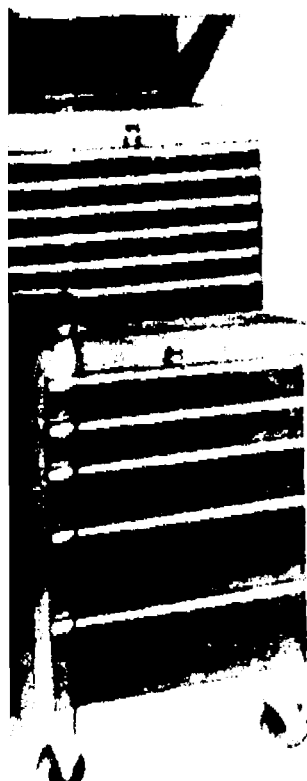
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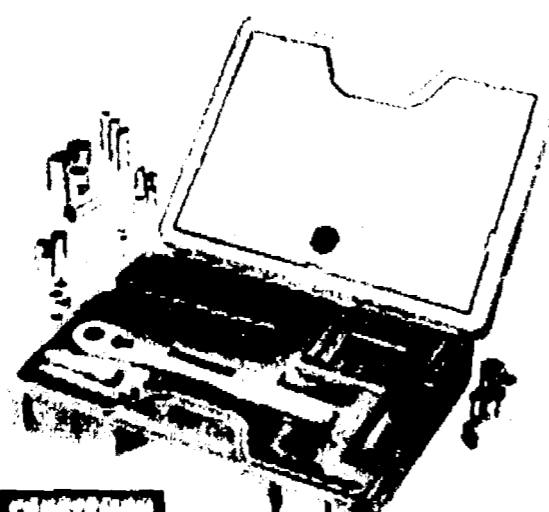
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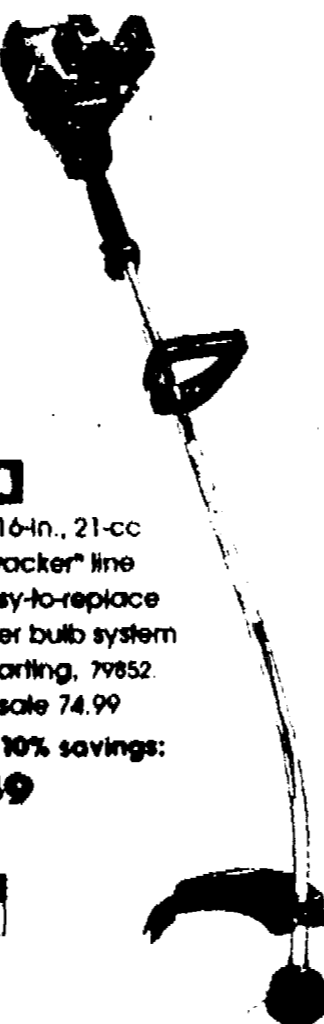
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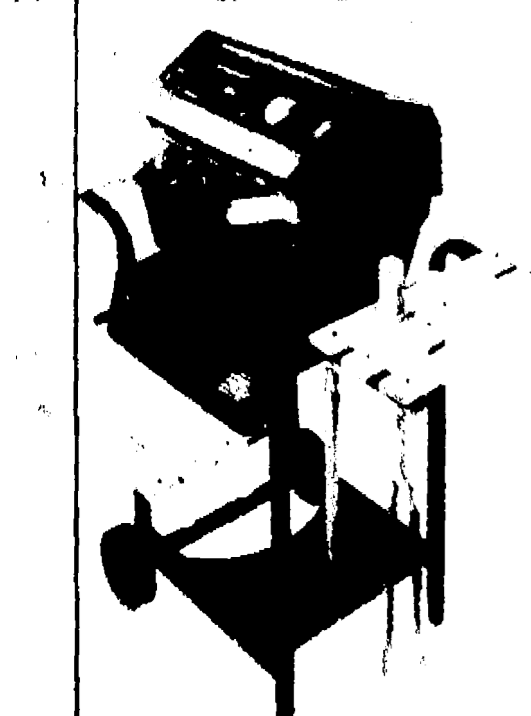
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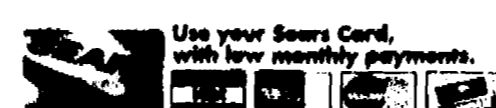
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The total cases handled by the 13 officers increased from 5,390 cases in 1995 to 6,026 in 1996. The largest amount of cases handled was in the

third quarter with 1,765 cases handled. The third quarter includes the months of July, August and September.

The total number of tickets written also increased from 1995 to 1996. There were 1,465 tickets issued in 1995 and that number grew to 1,584 tickets in 1996. The most tickets were written for 1996 in the first quarter — January, February and March.

The accidents handled were basically the same in both years. The sheriff's office handled 718 accidents in 1995 and 731 in 1996.

The one category that decreased from 1995 to 1996 was the number of arrests made. There were 449 arrests made in 1995 and 302 in 1996.

The 13 sheriff's officers consist of Randy Baerlocher, William Bonkowski, Art Clough, Tim Coe, Tom Coors, Dean Goss, Randy Herman, Shawn Krayes, Rich Meyer, Conrad Niederhouse, Jimmy Parker, Paul Smith and David Vogel. The sheriff's office also has an officer on the STING narcotics team.

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## Reading fun night to be held at AP/GES

by Lisa Hofman  
Staff Reporter

A reading fun night will be held at AuSable Primary and Grayling Elementary School on March 20, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

The night is being sponsored by the Parent/Teacher group.

A supper of hot dogs, beans, chips, veggies and milk will be on sale, as well as 25¢ items from the bake sale.

Activities include a book exchange. Bring a book and trade it for one that you have not read.

Personalized bookmarks and button making, add-a-line story and writing a letter to someone special will also be activities at the night.

Stories will be read by people dressed as storybook characters. Everyone is encouraged to come dressed as their favorite character.

Tracy Compton from the public library will be on hand and prize drawings will be held continuously throughout the evening.

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## Class of 1977 to have reunion

The Class of 1977 will be holding its 20-year reunion on Aug. 2, 1997. Please RSVP by May 1.

## Fassinger named to honor fraternity

Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity recently announced the induction of Jennifer Fassinger as a charter member of the newly activated Gamma Mu Chapter at Central Michigan University. Phi Sigma Pi is an organization based on the principles of scholarship, leadership and fellowship.

## Ferris announces fall graduates

Ferris State University announced that Angel L. Hale earned a Bachelor of Science degree with distinction in Health Care Systems Administration. Hale graduated from the university after the fall 1996 semester.

## Michelson's lunch series will continue

On Thursday, March 13, from noon to 1 p.m. Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church Lenten Lunch Bag Series will continue with speaker Maurice Moses, a Kirtland Community College instructor from Thailand. The program will take place in the fellowship hall.

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Daniel and Christine Bischoff of Prudenville, announce the arrival of Vincent James Clair Bischoff, born Feb. 25, 1997.

Keith and Joan Thompson of Grayling, announce the arrival of Wyatt Nash Thompson, born Feb. 26, 1997.

## Michelson to hold soup luncheon

Michelson Memorial Church is having a soup and make your own sandwich luncheon on March 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

## NMU dean's list announced

Carrie A. Hubbard, Grayling, and David M. Kelsey, Roscommon, were recently named to the fall semester dean's list at Northern Michigan University. Students were required to earn between a 3.25 and a 3.99 grade point average.

## Results announced for fishing contest

The winners of the first AuSable River Canoe Marathon benefit fishing contest was George Wilkinson, largest Pike (49 3/8), adult division; Sam Mead, largest Walleye (21 7/8), children's division; and Steve Rochoy, largest Perch (13 3/8) and eight Perch over seven inches. All the fish were measured by length and gerth.

## Rotary winners announced

The Rotary calendar winners for February were Randy Stephens, Betty Palmer and Marge Bryant. They each won \$50.

## St. John's to have card party

The ladies of St. John Lutheran Church are sponsoring a luncheon and card party on March 19. The luncheon begins at noon, followed by the card party. The public is welcome to attend.

## Tootsie rolls to be on sale

The Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll sale will be March 21-22. The fundraiser is to help more than 300,000 mentally handicapped people in Michigan. K of C will be selling the Tootsie Rolls at the main intersections in Grayling and in front of KMart and Glen's Markt.

## Viking band coupon books available

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The Sheriff's Department of Crawford County dealt with the following 109 incidents from March 3 through March 10:

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## Camp honored

The only training facility in the United States to receive the top environmental award this year is located right here in Crawford County.

Col. Gary McConnell, Camp Grayling commander, and members of his staff received the National Guard's most prestigious environmental award from Maj. Gen. E. Gordon Stump, director of the Michigan Department of Military Affairs.

Stump presented the Eagle Award on behalf of Lt. Gen. Edward Baca, chief of National Guard Bureau (NGB) in Washington D.C., for the camp's achievements in the area of environmental quality at a non-industrial installation.

The environmental staff at Camp Grayling consists of John Hunt, environmental program manager; Larry Jacobs; Carla Elenz; and Sgt. Walter Walsh.

Camp Grayling was the only national



**ENVIRONMENTAL HONOREES** — Camp Grayling accepted the Eagle Award for the environmental conditions kept up by the staff and personnel at the local National Guard training facility. Pictured with the award are, from left: Col. Gary McConnell, Larry Jacobs, John Hunt, Gen. E. Gordon Stump, Carla Elenz and Sgt. Walter Walsh. Hunt, Jacobs, Elenz and Walsh make up the environmental staff at Camp Grayling.

Photo by Eric Gaertner

guard installation selected to receive the Eagle Award. NGB received 52 submissions, in 11 categories, from national guard installations around the

country and selected Camp Grayling as the only installation in 1996, meeting the high standards of Eagle Award recognition.

The high caliber of Camp Grayling's environmental programs compelled the NGB to submit the camp for Department of the Army environmental quality evaluation. Camp Grayling subsequently placed third, Army wide, in environmental quality for a non-industrial installation.

Some of the categories the camp was evaluated on were: air, water and noise pollution control, waste management and resource recovery, pest management and environmental compliance assessment and management program.

McConnell, upon news of the award, mentioned to members of the headquarters staff that, "Camp Grayling reached all regulatory objectives by receiving 'zero' compliance violations and is now focused on achieving a higher degree of excellence by doing what is 'right' in addition to what is required."

Stump praised the Camp Grayling staff and recognized that "the most outstanding feature of the post's program is that they have been able to maintain compliance, improve their

environmental initiatives, institute new mitigation and monitoring plans, achieve clean-up status on spill sites, retain the trust of the community, all while supporting and enhancing the military training mission."

Stump added, "I am extremely proud of the efforts of each member of this staff and the stewardship shown by every member of the Michigan National Guard in the protection of our camp's natural resources."

Some highlights of the Camp Grayling environmental program include drastic reductions in the burning of excess propellants, conversion of building heating systems from old fuel oil furnaces to cleaner burning and efficient natural gas heat, and reorientation of firing ranges away from wetlands and groundwater.

Other items highlighted were continued use and improvement of a noise monitor system, restrictions on weapons firing during hours requested by the community, and participation in the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Adopt-a-Forest program.

Hunt said the award recognizes the work of everyone involved. Camp Grayling will officially be awarded their Department of Army commendation on April 23.



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# The Bible Speaks

From the Calvary Baptist Church

## Hillbilly Rednecks?

"Political Correctness" is molding the modern morality of society while harshly reprimanding all moral challenge. Christian students in Milwaukee had to go to a federal court to defend their right to display a poster promoting abstinence from pre-marital sex. Their "religious right" poster had those "horrible, radical" words, "True Love Waits!" Had they used "Politically Correct" words like, "Use a Condom" they could have been praised as progressives. But, God still says, "Flee Fornication!" (1 Corinthians 6:18).

Every government official takes an oath of office — "so help me God" — with hand on the Bible. Every piece of money in our pockets declares, "In God We Trust." We pledge allegiance to the U.S. flag as, "One Nation Under God." Delaware, the first state to ratify the Constitution, in Article I, Section 1 of its own Bill of Rights reads, "it is the duty of all men to frequently

assemble together for public worship of Almighty God; and piety and morality on which the prosperity of communities depend." Yet, those who defend truth in America are often made to feel like David of old when he said, "Every day they wrest my words: all their thoughts are against me for evil." (Psalms 56:5)

"Political Correctness" hypocritically ignores terms like "Hillbilly" or "Redneck" while demanding public censor of all slang words describing other humans. "You're a redneck if ..." then the crowd roars as the comic ridicules some action ascribed to "rednecks." The dictionary describes "Redneck" as a derogatory term for "a poor, white, rural resident of the South." The dictionary defines "Hillbilly" as: "a person who lives in or comes from the mountains or backwoods, especially of the South; somewhat contemptuous term." Liberals are selective in fighting human

discrimination.

But remember even Christ was falsely accused as "gluttonous," and "a winebibber," (Luke 7:34); illegitimate instead of virgin-born, (John 8:41); empowered by Satan instead of the Holy Spirit, (Mat 12:24); worse than the murderer and robber Barabbas, (Mark 15:7 & John 18:40); and a blasphemer, (Mat 26:65). The Bible says: "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." (Ephesians 6:12) Christ and the Bible remain always right!

Pastor "B"

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Look closely at a so-called perfect rose! Scan the petals. You will find they are far from perfect. The uneven shapes, blemishes or misshapen stems will not spoil the delicate color, rich fragrance and sheer beauty of the total flower. How clearly a rose illustrates that nothing in life is truly perfect! But, rather than discourage us, this should give us fresh confidence and strength. God did not make the rose perfect—nor did He make us perfect. Yet, He does not think any less of us for our faults and blemishes. In His eyes we always have another chance, but it is up to us to take it. Start by attending the church or synagogue of your choice this week.

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## Grayling man elected chair of road task force

by Eric Gaertner  
 News Editor

The Region 9 ISTE (The Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act) task force meeting was held on March 3, and the area officials elected a Crawford County official as the new task force chairman for the next two years.

Dave Frederick, director of the Crawford County Transportation

Authority, was elected by other area road officials to serve as chairman.

ISTEA was established to form a task force among counties in the region to coordinate the spending of state and federal partial funding for road projects in the area.

The counties which make up Region 9 are Crawford, Alcona, Alpena, Presque Isle, Cheboygan, Montmorency, Oscoda and Otsego.

The representation on the task force consists of three persons from each county in the region. The three representatives are one from the city, one from the transportation authority and one from the road commission.

In addition to Frederick, the other two Crawford County representatives are James Briney, managing director of the road commission, and City Manager Jerry Morford.

The purpose of the representatives from each of the eight counties is to work with the other counties in the area to coordinate with the state. Each of the counties has project ideas, so the group has to prioritize and give each a chance to complete them.

Frederick, who was vice-chairman of the task force last year, said his role as chairman is to be a coordinator and facilitator. Frederick, who said he is honored to have been elected chair, has some ideas he would like to incorporate with the group.

"I want to look to see if this area wants to do more planning," Frederick said. "We'll have to see if there is task force-wide enthusiasm to plan the task force projects more."

As the coordinator and facilitator of the group, Frederick, a Grayling resident, said he also wants to work on doing a better job of coordinating the task force's activities.

## Pianists presented recital

The piano students of Mrs. Judy Englund presented their Spring piano recital on Sunday, March 9, at 3:30 p.m. at Heritage Baptist Church.

Students performing were: Kristen Smock, Patricia Arnold, Eli VanNuck, Heidi Englund, Natasha McCuan, Kyle Alexander, Pam Alexander, Shawn McCuan, Nathan Lowe, Hannah Miller, Zachary VanNuck, Monica Barr, Mallory Olson, Anne Nettleton, Megan Fekete, and Charley McNamara. Mrs. Judy Englund also performed.

Students who participated were presented with gifts, and refreshments were served. About 80 people were in attendance.

## Students named to KCC lists

by Lisa Hoffman  
 Staff Reporter

Kirtland Community College recently named students to the president's and dean's lists for the fall 1996 semester.

Students on the president's list were required to complete 12 semester hours of course work and maintain a 3.8-4.0 grade point average. Those on the dean's list were also required to complete 12 semester hours and maintain a 3.4-3.799 grade point average.

Those named to the president's list are as follows: Brenda L. Graham, Grayling; Elyon S. King, Frederic; Scott David Bailey, Grayling; Paula A. Dubas Derenzy, Grayling;

Rebecca Lynne Nelson, Grayling; Nicole Lynn Stone, Frederic; Kathryn R. McKinney, Roscommon; Dawn Gutierrez, Roscommon; Roberta Jean Hood, Roscommon; and Lorlei Bassett, Roscommon.

Students making the dean's list are as follows: Faith Berner, Roscommon; Laurie Brown, Roscommon; Tabatha Clarke, Grayling; Sherrie Cole, Roscommon; Chanin Frank, Roscommon;

Thomas Graziano, Roscommon; Jeanne Hamilton, Grayling; Jonathon Hugle, Roscommon; Lois Jones, Roscommon; Shelly Kappen, Roscommon;

Sheila Kraycs, Roscommon; Elizabeth Leasure, Roscommon; April Matthews-Foote, Roscommon; Kelly McGillis, Roscommon; Thomas Mousa, Grayling; Linda Munsey, Grayling; Aaron Raymond, Grayling; Lynne Rochette, Grayling;

Melanie Ross, Grayling; Amy Ruth-erford, Roscommon; Margaret Scott, Grayling; Michalina Wargo, Grayling; Colleen Stocker, Roscommon and Dale LaPointe, Roscommon.



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Section B Crawford County Avalanche

Thursday, March 13, 1997



**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH** -- The Grayling Middle School Students of the Month for February are (front, from left) Amber Moore, Megan Cox, Natasha Gates, Michelle Belcher, Rachael Evon, Kelly Jansen, Amber Sturdivant, Nicholas D'Amour, Melissa Ducastle. The middle row (l-r) is Cassie Wilson, Heather Lynch, Jordan Knight, Justin Hanes, Christopher Cragg, Michelle Gildner, Ryan Swope and James Thompson. The back row (l-r) is William Brewer, Erin Cox, Ann Hughes, Jeremy Tobias, Chris Youngblood, Jasmine Waite, Tabatha Harney and Monique Fagan. Jennie Hubbard and James Lawrence are not pictured. photo by Craig Hofman

## Eddie Davis claims state championship

by Eric Gaertner  
News Editor

The 1997 Michigan High School Athletic Association Division III individual wrestling finals, turned out to be a dream weekend for one Grayling wrestler.

Eddie Davis, a Grayling senior, was crowned state champion after mowing over his opponents in the 125-pound weight class. As if the day could not get any better, Davis also won his 100th career match as a Viking wrestler, at the state finals.

The finals were held on March 7-8 at Western Michigan University. Davis was one of five Grayling wrestlers who qualified for the state meet. The other four Vikings were unable to place against the very tough competition.

With the back drop of a packed gymnasium filled with screaming fans, Davis became the fifth Grayling wrestler to claim the top individual prize in the sport. According to Grayling Coach Don Ferguson, the five state champions in Grayling's history, is the most among the schools in northern Michigan.

Ferguson said a wrestler has to be on a "roll" to become champion, and that is just what Davis did.

The senior Viking got things started with a 5-0 victory against Jason Cheng of Brooklyn-Columbia. Davis got by

the closest match of the day in the second match against Matt Krajniak. Davis needed overtime to defeat the Imlay City wrestler, 7-5.

Davis continued his hot streak by defeating John Bauman of Constantine, 8-2. Davis won the state title by defeating Milford Henkel of Howard City, 4-2.

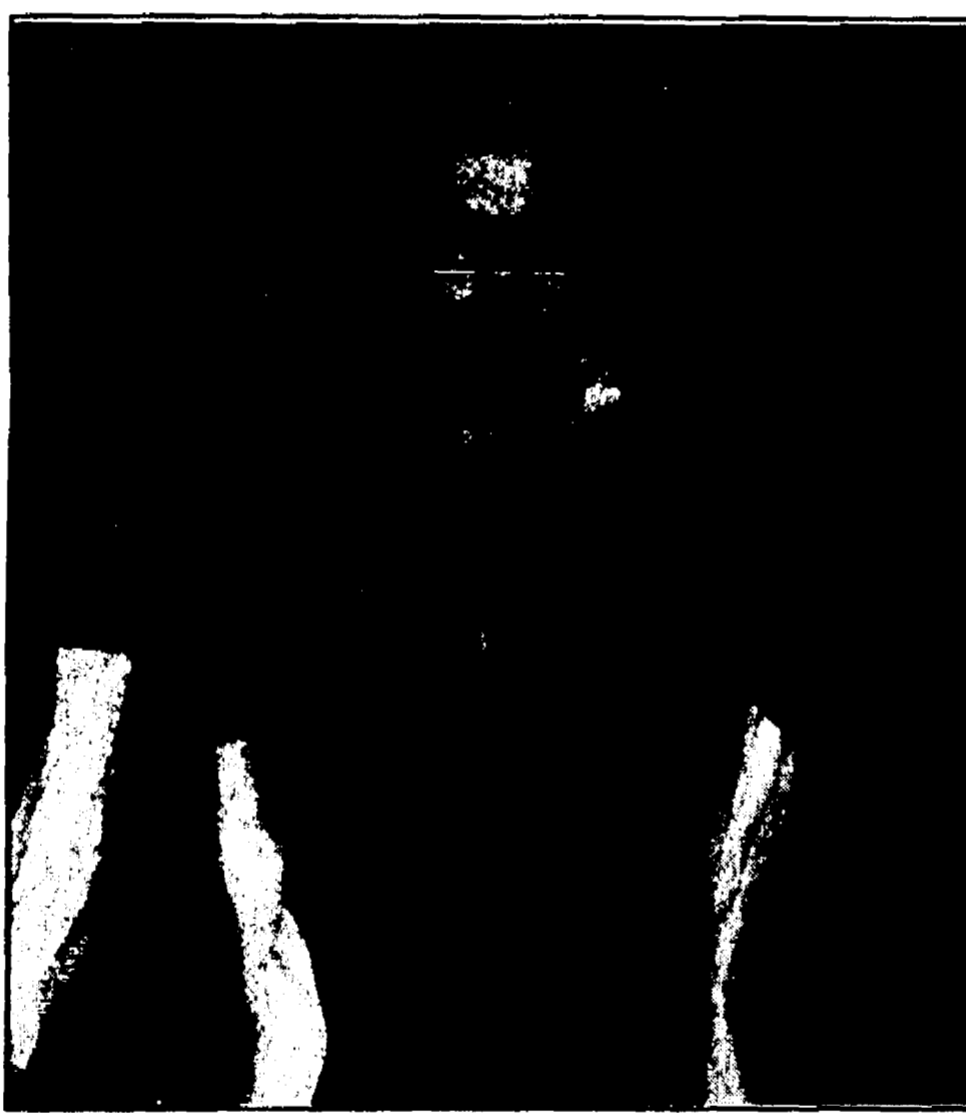
According to Davis, the toughest match of the finals was the overtime victory against Krajniak. Davis was trailing Krajniak going into the third and final period, by a score of 5-0. The Grayling grappler scored five points in the period to force overtime, and got the first takedown to win the match 7-5.

The overtime win also gave Davis his 100th career victory. The semi-final and final victory gave him 102 wins for his high school career.

When asked about winning the state championship, Davis said he was really happy. He said qualifying for the state finals last year gave him the experience for what he accomplished this year.

Although the final match was his last high school match, Davis' wrestling career may not be over. The Grayling wrestler is planning on going to college, where he would like to be a member of the wrestling team.

In addition to Davis, Dave Shepherd (130), Ben Malonen (135), Jason Hall



**Eddie Davis**

(140) and Josh Taylor (145) also participated at the state finals.

Shepherd, who Ferguson said wrestled extremely tough, got caught

with a tough draw at the state finals. Shepherd lost his first match, came back to win his next match, but was eliminated in the third match with a loss.

Malonen and Hall also went 1-2 at the state meet. Taylor lost by pin fall and by points in his two matches.

## 'Odyssey of the Mind' team comes home with the bronze

Saturday, March 1, Alpena High School was emanating positive vibrations as 86 teams and 602 students in four divisions competed in the Northern Michigan Chapter of the Odyssey of the Mind competition.

Odyssey of the Mind is a world organization that hosts these competitions during the school year to encourage the "by the seat of your pants" problem-solving skills as best demonstrated by the Apollo XIII astronauts, when they used limited materials to solve a life-threatening problem and allowed them to return home safely after an accident in outer space threatened that return.

Competing were teams from Grayling, Harbor Springs, Alanson, Cheboygan, Rogers City, Alpena, Hillman, Charlevoix, Petoskey, East Jordan, Boyne City, Johannesburg, Lewiston, Gaylord, and Roscommon. Each team completed one long-term problem, using specific guidelines as part of the problem solving adventure. All problems had to be solved by the team, as a team, with no outside assistance. Each team had at least one coach who acted as a resource provider only. The coach is not allowed to assist them in any way, except to make sure they remain within the spirit of the problem and are having fun. The emphasis is placed on creativity. The Grayling team's challenge was to

create an android with human features and present it through a humorous skit while solving five specific problems. They chose to perform a parody on Home Improvement's "Tool Time".

If this isn't enough, all teams compete in a spontaneous competition where they are asked one question. Given one minute to think about the question, they had two minutes to respond to that question. Once again, the emphasis is placed on creativity.

Scores were compiled, and award presentations were made. How proud and surprised the Grayling Elementary team was when they were asked to come down and receive the bronze medal for their division in the OMERdroid category. Their first time at OM competition and to place third was totally unexpected. When asked how she felt about placing third, team coach Chris Seager replied, "I was just hoping to come to competition and have the kids be proud of what they had accomplished."

The honored team from Grayling consists of: Matt and Jill Seager, Ben and Beth Lucey, Michelle McGuire, Eric Persing, and Dana White. When asked if they were glad the competition was over the response was overwhelmingly "NO".

Those interested in the Odyssey of the Mind can contact Nancy Persing at the 4-H office, 348-2844 ext. 264.

## Teams geared up for GPA Pictionary contest

Twenty-one teams will be vying for the Pictionary Olympics trophy on Friday, March 14, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Grayling. Celebrating its 10th year as a major fundraiser for the Grayling Promotional Association, the Pictionary Olympics will begin at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$2 for spectators. Children under the age of 18 will not be admitted due to alcohol being served on the premises.

Come and cheer a team on to victory. Pictionary teams as of Monday, March 10, include:

Nancy Smith, Kelly Watson, Ron Koryciak, Julie Carnegie (Amicare Home Care & Hospice); Tracy Wilson, Celeste Kubiak, Roxanne Manifold, Darlene Wilde (Northern Michigan Health Services); Michelle Stabinski, George Monk, Liz Corsette, John Kuszak (Century 21 River Country); Tammy Kent, Traci Nelson, Diane Clough, Kathy Pung (Chemical Bank North); Dana Anderson, Connie Beard, Eric Gaertner, Betty Pearl (Crawford County Avalanche); Mo McNamara, D.J. Brown, Pam Jozsa, Audrey Reghi (Mac's Drug Store); Marty Stevenson, Adrian Mastej, Pam Gomez, Michelle Wilkins (Citizens Bank); Linda Northrop, Doronda Klee, Annette

Metzer, Jill Rutter (Cornell Insurance Agency); Nancy Carlisle, John Hunt, Pauline Jansma, Diane Krause (Spikes Keg & Nails); Connie Seewald, Randy Thompson, Debbie Bondar, Bob Pollack (Century 21 River Country); Debbie Zelek, Mary Jo Bickman, Mary Jane Powers, Ann Sheppard (Chemical Bank North); Pat Kangas, Jane Larson, Kathy Heaven, Roberta Crispell (ABWA/Mickey Perez); Wendy Millikin, Carmen Miller, Sara Hise, Gail Swope (Heads Up North); Crystal Filley, Sheryl Buck, Mary Lou Szatkowski, Joyce Renon (Citizens Bank); Shelly Reaume, Sue Kersch, Ed Albright, Roy Musall (Airway Automation); Lynne Elsner, Deb Hannum, Kim Curtis, Wayne Metzer (Scheer Motors); Mary Bartel, Renate Champion, Andrea Stewart, Jay Simon (Mercy Hospital); Randy Richardson, Curt Hanson, Tony Saladine, Joe Smock (MATES); Karen Hatley, Gordon Beard, Mary Moffitt, Jill Grudzien (Mercy Hospital); Brad Scheer, Rick Wyskiel, Dave Petrie, Carol LaMotte (Scheer Motors); Linda Stephens, Carolyn DiPonio, Kathy Shingledecker, Chris White (GPA); No team members identified as of press time (Georgia Pacific).

## New Life achieves accreditation

New Life Community Service in Grayling was recently informed by the Commission of Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) that for the third year in a row, it has met their accreditation criteria for its outpatient treatment of alcohol and other drug programs.

Unlike the previous two years, this accreditation has been awarded for a period of three years, which is the highest level of accreditation that can be achieved.

New Life Community Services, with offices located at 6459 West M-72, is a non-profit agency which provides both counseling and substance abuse prevention education.

Founded by members of St. Francis Episcopal Church in 1987, the agency is celebrating its tenth year of serving the communities of Crawford County, as well as the surrounding counties of Roscommon, Otsego, Ogemaw, Montmorency, Missaukee, Oscoda and Kalkaska.

The accreditation process is voluntary and is one of the means that New Life Community Service uses to help identify opportunities for improving their services.

Surveyors from CARF, an independent Tucson-based organization, spent

two days in the agency offices this past fall, reviewing written agency policies and procedures.

They also conducted individual interviews with the agency director, the counselors, the office staff, members of the voluntary board of directors, current clients and other professionals in the community who interact with the agency. The surveyors use this interview process to determine if New Life Community Service is actually doing what is in its written policies.

The survey's conclusions? "This is a good place to be as a staff member, as well as a board member, as well as a person walking in the door asking for something you have to offer." Charles Young, one of the surveyors, summed up his feelings with, "you've got a lot to be proud of here."

The written report prepared by the surveyors goes on to say that New Life is "commended for its creative, caring and energetic staff. The high level of commitment to providing quality services is apparent in all aspects of the program. A common theme, expressed both by the clinicians themselves and by outside contractors, is that this is a staff whose members care deeply about the persons receiving services."

New Life Community Service feels that counseling should be affordable, and offers sliding fees based on family income. This is made possible by funding provided by Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services, Strong Families/Safe Children, Michigan Department of Corrections, United Way of Crawford and Roscommon counties, local and non-local gifts of money and equipment and consulting services supplied by Dr. Richard L. Gay, Ph.D., Clinical Psychology of Mercy Health Services. Medicaid is also accepted.

In addition to general counseling for marriage difficulties, grief, depression and spiritual issues, New Life Community Service offers many special programs. Substance abuse services include comprehensive counseling as well as prevention education speakers for community groups.

Other programs assist survivors of incest and sexual abuse, parents, parolees and probationers in the Crawford County Jail and adolescents and their families.

New Life Community Service also offers alcohol highway safety education classes and driver's license evaluations.



**NEW LIFE STAFF** -- The staff at New Life Community Service is (front, from left) Sandy Shellfish, Jacquie Guernsey, Robin Kydd and Janet Bean. The back row (l-r) is Roberta Buss, Judy Woodland and Carol Moggo. photo by Lisa Hofman

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## OBITUARIES

### Barnie Engel

Barnie D. Engel, 86, a 49 year resident of Grayling, died March 10, 1997, at Bay Shores Nursing Care Center in Bay City. He was born Sept. 14, 1910, in Grand Rapids. Before moving to Grayling, Mr. Engel lived in Paris, Mich.

Mr. Engel was married on June 6, 1937, to Treva M. (Berger) Engel; she preceded him in death on March 18, 1992.

Mr. Engel was a 46 year employee of the State of Michigan, Fisheries Division, Department of Natural Resources. He was superintendent of the Grayling Fish Hatchery for 16 years. After retirement in 1974, he became involved in various community projects, including meals on wheels with his wife, and was active in the workshop at the Senior Citizens Center. He was a member of Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Mary Ann and husband Joseph Siniff of Bay City; a son, John and wife Carolyn Engel of Reed City; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two nieces; and two cousins.

Two services will be held. The first at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 13, at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel in Grayling. Reverend J. Douglas Paterson will officiate. The second service will be held on Friday, March 14, at the Rogers-Mohrke Funeral Home in Big Rapids, with Reverend Kathy Steen officiating. Burial will be in Highland View Cemetery, Big Rapids.

*My mother came home early last spring,  
In March instead of May.  
She wouldn't have liked the cold,  
But would have loved the sunny day.  
In frequent bursts of wild bird songs,  
A crocus brave ascent.  
Not at all unlike her—  
A springtime sacrament.  
In loving memory of Eleanor Hunter, March 17, 1996.*

Your Daughter,  
Jackie

### William Kucharek

William Kucharek, 62, of Grayling, died March 7, 1997, at Mercy Hospital in Grayling.

He was born in Gaylord on May 8, 1934, to Charles and Mary (Symkowiak) Kucharek; both parents are deceased.

Mr. Kucharek was married in Roscommon on March 1, 1958, to Patricia J. Keeler. He resided in Grayling since 1959, and lived in the same house since 1960. Prior to that he resided in Gaylord.

He had been employed as a bow finisher and machinist while employed at Bear Archery for 18 years and Peterson Saw Service for 18 years. He was a member of the Grayling Fire Department for 25 years, and was a member of Grayling Baptist Church.



William Kucharek

Preceding him in death were his daughter, Jacqueline; his parents; and a sister, Virginia Sewell.

Surviving are his wife; four daughters, Jeannie Marie and husband Jim Whaley of Perry, Betty Jo and husband John Smock of Grayling, Nora Mae and husband Jack Jr. Clark of Grayling, Nancy Kay and husband Steve Kapets of Jacksonville, Florida; five grandchildren, Billy and Jackie Murphy, Cassidy and Chynna Clark, and Sammy Kapets; four brothers, John and Edward of Grayling, Robert of Central Lake, and Louis of Livonia.

Funeral services were held at 1:30, Tuesday, March 11, at Grayling Baptist Church. Pastor Terry Colby officiated. Burial will be this spring at Elmwood Cemetery in Grayling.

The family suggests memorials to Grayling Baptist Church Building Fund.

Arrangements were made by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, in Grayling.

### Leora Thayer

Leora O. Thayer, 86, of Gilford, died Monday, March 10, at her home. She was born May 11, 1910 in Selkirk.

The family spent time in the Grayling area since the 1940s.

Her husband, Robert W. Thayer, preceded her in death in 1971, as did her son, Robert J. Thayer, in 1994.

Surviving are two sons, Donald and wife Carole Thayer of Ellsworth, and Daniel and wife Susan Thayer of Grayling; three daughters, Wilma and husband Lewis Rakez of Suttons Bay, Carol and husband Carl Jacques of Caro, and Patsy Thayer of Fairgrove; one daughter-in-law, Patricia Thayer of Grayling; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Viewing will be from 2 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, March 12, at Ware-Smith-Woolever Funeral Home in Reese. The funeral will be held at noon on Thursday, March 13, at Gilford Methodist Church. Burial will be in Gilford Township Cemetery.

### Card of thanks

Thank you! to all for your cards, calls and prayers during my recent illness. I am at home now and undergoing dialysis in Cadillac three days a week, but hope for full recovery. I know that the concern and kindness given to me played a tremendous part in my recovery.

Andrea Nygard

### In memory of

Dan, to have and to love and to part, It's the greatest sorrow of one's heart.

The memories we hold come so dear.

Become more precious year by year.  
Your other mom and dad  
Stu and Joan Rose

### Melvin Langowski

Melvin H. Langowski, 71, of Grayling, died at his residence on March 7, 1997.

He was born on March 14, 1925, in Detroit, to Michael and Jennie (Magelski) Langowski.

Mr. Langowski married the former Barbara Rabac on Aug. 16, 1975, in Utica. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He was employed as a barber for 35 years, and was also employed as an assembler for Ford Motor Company, 17 Mile and Mound Road Plant, Sterling Heights. The Langowski's moved to Grayling from Utica six years ago following Mr. Langowski's retirement from Ford Motor Company.

Preceding him in death: a son, Melvin R. Langowski, and his parents.

Surviving are: wife, Barbara A. Langowski of Grayling; daughter, Margo Langowski of Detroit; sons, Michael Langowski, Mitchell Langowski, Martin Langowski, Matthew Langowski, all of Detroit, and Andrew Langowski, Garrett Langowski, and Jarrett Langowski, all of Grayling; a stepdaughter, Tina Estino of Detroit; and stepsons, George Kaczmark of Florida and Joseph Kaczmark of Grayling.

Also surviving: grandchildren, Jeffrey, Terrial, Jennifer, Christine, and Courtney; sister, Wanda Joblonowski of Warren; and brother, Norman and wife Helen Langowski of Shelby.

There were no funeral services held. Interment of ashes will be in Joshua Creek Cemetery, Arcadia, Florida.

The family suggests memorials to the Grayling Youth Bowling League.

Arrangements were made by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, in Grayling.

### Card of thanks

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from Charles Tinsley, Social Security Representative

### Most beneficiaries no longer submit annual earnings reports

Social Security has eliminated the need for most beneficiaries to file an annual report of earnings. Instead, the agency will adjust benefits as required under the Social Security annual earnings test based on the amount of earnings reported to the federal government by the employer or self-employed individual. The new process begins with the reporting year 1996 and could save up to 330,000 public reporting hours.

Under the new procedure, beneficiaries will need to file annual reports only when their earnings for purposes of the Social Security earnings test are not the same as the earnings reported on their W-2 and/or

self-employment tax return. This could happen in special situations such as the following:

- Earnings shown on the W-2 are incorrect or were not earned in the year from which the report is made.
- Earned wages exceed the exempt amount and there was a net loss from self-employment.
- Wages were reported on a W-2 that will be included on a self-employment tax return.

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COM 122	6-9:25 pm	College Writing II	Wednesday
ECO 301	6-9:25 pm	Microeconomics	Wednesday
MKT 301	6-9:25 pm	Principles of Marketing	Wednesday
ACC 302	6-9:25 pm	Intermediate Accounting II	Thursday
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## District offers materials to encourage conservation

To encourage beneficial conservation practices, the Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District is encouraging interested individuals and organizations to join in celebrating the annual Soil and Water Stewardship observance April 27-May 4.

The conservation district is offering to provide literature and information assistance to local churches, civic organizations and schools interested in furthering conservation practices in homes and communities.

"Backyard Stewardship" is the theme of the 1997 Soil and Water Stewardship Week observance.

"The theme suggests that one of the best places to practice individual stewardship responsibility over natural resources is right in our own backyards," Barb Stauffer, conservation district administrator, said. "There is great potential good if each of us takes care of the immediate surroundings

where we work or live. Good backyard stewardship practices extend far beyond the backyard to the neighborhood, region, continent and the world."

"The 'Backyard Stewardship' theme will have special appeal to the estimated 78 million adult Americans who are active gardeners," Stauffer said.

Some common gardening practices can be applied elsewhere around homes. For example, backyard gardeners can terrace or contour their gardens, use drip irrigation, mulch bare soil, add trees and shrubs for wind-breaks or protection from the sun and add small fish ponds to benefit wildlife.

Anyone interested in learning more about backyard conservation practices or obtaining Soil and Water Stewardship literature may contact the conservation district at 606 Lake Street, Roscommon, or by telephone at (517) 275-5231.

## Bird Feeders can be source of disease

More than half of all American households feed birds.

Whether bird feeders overall are helpful or detrimental to the wild bird population is still unclear, however.

"We've known that birds do not get most of their food from feeders except during periods of extremely bad weather, especially after ice storms, when natural foods are locked in ice," said Glen Dudderar, Extension wildlife specialist at Michigan State University. "It's also known that diseases get transmitted at feeders and that predators, both wild and domestic, take advantage of the concentration of birds at a feeder. But the net effect of the pluses and minuses of bird feeding is still unclear."

With birds able to go to feeders at every other house, concern about disease is still growing, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is recommending that homeowners make an effort to keep bird feeders clean to reduce the spread of disease from bird to bird.

Four diseases are of particular concern:

- Salmonellosis, a bacterial disease, the most common bird feeder disease.
- Trichomoniasis, a parasitic disease that causes sores in birds' mouths and throats and makes it impossible for them to swallow.
- Aspergillosis, a fungal disease of the lungs.
- Avian Pox, a viral disease that causes warty growths on featherless surfaces of a bird's face, wings, legs and feet.

All four diseases can lead to death, either by killing birds outright or by making them more vulnerable to predation, bad weather, starvation or dehydration.

To reduce the possibility that a feeder will become a source of disease organisms for birds, Dudderar recommends the following actions:

- Clean up waste food, droppings and mixtures of the two that accumulate

in the feeder.

- Store food where it will stay dry and rodents can't get into it. Discard any that looks or smells moldy or musty.

- Wash and disinfect feeders and feed storage containers. Scrub with or immerse empty, cleaned feeders and containers in a 10 percent solution of household chlorine bleach (one part bleach and nine parts water). Rinse and allow to air-dry before refilling.

- Don't wait until seeing dead birds to do this. If a person sees dead birds, act immediately.

"Except for avian pox, these diseases will affect humans as well as birds," Dudderar pointed out. "Keeping bird feeders clean reduces the possibility of human infection. When you're cleaning the feeders, take care not to inhale or ingest any of the material you're removing."

The best way to do this is to avoid putting dry matter into the air. Wet a heavily contaminated feeder with the bleach solution before scraping and scrubbing as needed. Wear disposable gloves and wash hands and face after getting done and have disposed of the gloves.

Spoiled food and other material removed from the feeder should be buried or put in a plastic bag or wrapped in newspaper for trash pickup.

"Don't just dump the loose material into your garbage can," Dudderar advised. "It will poof out every time you drop something else into the can."

Bird feeder design can be a factor in disease, he added. Bird feeders should keep feed as dry as possible and have good drainage that allows water that gets into the feed to get out again. This reduces the likelihood of mold growth.

Also, any feeder designed so that food waste and bird droppings fall to the ground rather than into the remaining food is less prone to contamination than feeders that allow the birds to stand in the feed.

# SPORTS

## Young wrestlers compete at two invitational

On Saturday, March 8, the Grayling Middle School wrestling team traveled to the Houghton Lake Invitational. Winning medals for Grayling were:

- Eight and under age group: Joe Ferrigan, first place; Bill Stewart, second place; Eli VanNuck, second place.

- Nine and 10 age group: Darrell Babbitt, first place.

- 11 and 12 age group: Nate Haskell, first place; Roy Middleton, first place; Brandon Pratt, third place; Andy Palmer, third place; Larry Baynam, third place; Chris Malone, fourth place; Zach VanNuck, fourth place; and Chris McGuire, fourth place.

- 13 and 14 age group: Chris Peters, first place; Sean Mitchell, third place; Victor Cdebeca, third place; Alfred Borchers, third place; and Nick Baynam, fourth place.

On Saturday, March 1, the GMS wrestling team traveled to the Ogemaw Invitational. Winning medals for Grayling were:

- Eight and under age group: Eli VanNuck, first place; Joe Ferrigan, second place; and Bill Stewart, third place.

- Nine and 10 age group: Darrell Babbitt, second place.

- 11 and 12 age group: Nate Haskell, first place; Eric Hunter, second place; Roy Middleton, second place; Zach VanNuck, second place; Andy Palmer, fourth place; and Chris McGuire, fourth place.

- 13 and 14 age group: Chris Peters, first place; Sean Mitchell, second place; Nick Baynam, third place; Alfred Borchers, fourth place; and Victor Cdebeca, fourth place.



**ROOF DONATION** -- Rick Nash (far right) of Weyerhaeuser, presents a \$2,000 donation to Neal Michal, President of the Board of Directors of the Grayling Recreational Authority and Cindy Olson director of Hanson Hills. The money will be used to pay for a roof replacement. The current roof at Hanson Hills needs to be replaced at a cost of \$18,000.

photo by Lisa Hofman

## HEALTHLINE

by Linda DeMarchis, M.A.

**Question:** After many years of working properly, our family's septic system is acting up. What happened?

**Answer:** This is a fairly common problem in the spring when the septic tank system is required to work its hardest due to spring rains and the spring thaw. The homeowner who understands the working of the septic tank and its proper care can improve the chances of the system providing him with many years of trouble-free service.

Why does the Health Department concern itself with septic tank systems? Because a failing disposal system where wastewater is pooling in the yard or backing up into the house is a health hazard. A failing septic system quickly becomes a neighborhood nuisance, a potential source of disease transmission, and a contaminator of surface water.

Even if a system is properly installed, it can become a problem if it does not have proper use and attention.

**Have your system inspected and cleaned periodically.** The frequency of cleaning depends on the size of the septic tank and the number of people it serves. When a garbage disposal is used, cleaning more frequently may be necessary. With ordinary use, a septic tank may require cleaning as often as every 2-3 years. The law requires that persons in the business of cleaning septic tanks be licensed. The

Health Department can provide a list of licensed cleaners. Cleaning at the right time may avoid the risk of injuring or destroying the tile field or seepage bed.

**Practice water conservation to prolong the life of the soil absorption system.** Installing appliances and fixtures that use less water and repairing leaks/dripping faucets, etc. can save hundreds of gallons of excess water a month. Try to spread out laundry over a period of days rather than doing it all in one 12 hour period. Wash only full loads to conserve total water usage.

**Avoid physical damage to your septic system.** Vehicles should not be driven over the septic system which could lead to unnecessary repairs. Placing concrete, above ground pools and outbuildings over the septic tank will make repairs difficult and interfere with the system's operation.

**Check for undesirable connections.** Some water sources are not considered as wastewater and should not be connected to the septic system. Water from footing drains, dehumidifiers, and recharge water from water softeners can be discharged to the ground surface or to a separate disposal system. Surface drainage and eaves trough downspouts should be directed away from the waste water system.

**Do not use your system to dispose of non-decomposable matter such as cloth or plastic.**

The Health Department welcomes any inquiries about septic tanks, their operation or their cleaning. Questions may be directed to the Environmental Health Department in your county.

This information is presented as a public service to the community by District Health Department No. 1 which serves Wexford, Missaukee, Kalkaska and Crawford counties. Any questions should be sent to Health Educator, 401 Lake Street, Cadillac, MI 49601.

### LIVING WITH HEART FAILURE

Heart failure does not mean that the heart has stopped or is going to stop—it means that it does not pump efficiently. Untreated heart failure gets worse and can cause death. Be sure to see your doctor if you have any of the following symptoms:

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- Swollen feet, ankles and lower legs.
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- Brenda Fairbotham
- Kim Gatti
- Georgeanna Gauthier
- Cheryl Gresko
- Tim Jerzorski
- Catherine Krause
- Kristen Lademan (Wilson)
- Jason McEvers
- Mindy Meredith
- Joelle Monforton
- Joette Monforton
- Nikki Nicholas
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## Ski Conditions Report

Projected Weekend Ski Conditions

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**Cross Country Ski Headquarters - Higgins Lake**  
 Average Base: 12 inches. Surface Conditions: Excellent, freshly groomed, spring-like, eight trails open. Deep track set, Snow Cat combed. Hours: Open Friday & Saturday, 9 am to 9 pm; Sunday through Thursday, 10 am to 6 pm. Lighted trail open Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays, dusk til 9 pm. (517) 821-8861. Special Note: Serving hot chocolate and hot dogs on Saturdays, and hot chocolate on Sundays in the Trapper's Cabin. Over 30' of snow in the woods. www.cross-country-ski.com

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## Viking's season ends with district loss to Blue Devils

by Craig Hoffman  
Sports Writer

The Grayling High School varsity basketball team traveled to Gaylord High School on Wednesday, March 5, to compete in the district tournament.

The Vikings faced off against the Gaylord Blue Devils.

The Grayling Vikings and the Blue Devils were facing off for the third time this year with the Blue Devils winning both contests in a strong fashion. The Vikings were hoping to upset the strong Blue Devil team, so they could go on to face the Petoskey Northmen in the district finals.

The Vikings came out in the first quarter and played better than they had against the Blue Devils in their previous meetings. The Vikings used a slow-down defense to help control the tempo of the game, and made the Blue Devils break down defensively and allowed the Vikings to score on lay-ups or short shots.

Grayling used the Gaylord pressure defense against them by waiting for double teams and finding the cross-court man, wide open, underneath the basket.

"Our kids played well in the early part of the game and controlled the tempo for one-and-a-half quarters. The team played well as a group," said head coach Rich Moffit.

The Vikings continued to control the tempo of the game and their offensive plan was working, but the Gaylord defense seemed to pick up the pressure on the guards and perimeter. Grayling did not handle the pressure well and had several turnovers in a row, which helped Gaylord open up a larger lead.

The Vikings and Blue Devils both picked up their offensive scoring in the second quarter, but the turnovers helped the Blue Devils open up a 38-21 lead by halftime.

The Vikings seemed to have struggled all year long in the third quarter and unfortunately the struggle continued. The Vikings struggled more offensively than defensively.

The Vikings again had spurts of turnovers which Gaylord seemed to always take advantage of the opportunities.

Grayling's offense struggled and only compiled 8 points in the third quarter while the Gaylord offense added 17.

The Vikings found themselves down 55-29 at the end of the third quarter. The fourth quarter was an improvement for the Viking offense scoring 14 points, and defensively the Vikings held Gaylord to 17 points again.

The Vikings fought valiantly all game long and all year long, but could not pull off the upset.

The Vikings finished up the season with a 5-16 record.

Grayling was led in scoring by Nate Hinkle with 12 and Brad Ritter added 10. Brad Larm scored 7 points.

Grayling outrebounded a much larger Blue Devil team 23-19, with Brad Larm pulling down seven rebounds.

Larm also led the Vikings in assists

with four.

The Vikings had 19 turnovers to Gaylord's 14.

The Vikings, going with the trends of basketball, are recording a new statistic called deflections for defensive purposes. Grayling recorded 31, with Brad Ritter leading the way with 8.

The Vikings shot well from inside the three-point arc. They shot 59 percent, making 17-of-29 shots, but were 0-for-5 from beyond the three-point arc.

Gaylord hit a monstrous 74 percent from two-point range, hitting 17-of-23 shots, and also shot a very good three-point percentage at 45 percent, going 5-for-11. Gaylord's leading scorer was Luke Johnson with 20 points.

Gaylord went on to play Petoskey in the district final and the Blue Devils were defeated in a very close game.

The end of the year banquet was held on Wednesday, March 12, and season statistics for the basketball season will be posted.



**THREE-POINTER** -- Brad Larm, a member of the Grayling High School varsity basketball team, puts up a shot against Gaylord in a district game. The Vikings were defeated.

## Fishery workshop scheduled

Everyone fishing on the Great Lakes is urged to attend this workshop that will be held at the Holiday Inn in Traverse City on April 12. Cost is \$12 (includes lunch).

This workshop is one of a series sponsored by Michigan Sea Grant. Major issues identified will be: 1996 results, the latest research, surface water temperature, and expert assessments of the lake. Also, this year there will be an open period where any organization concerned with the Fishery may have time on the agenda.

To register contact John McKinney at 616-922-4620.

## GRAYLING BASKETBALL LEAGUE

### Tournament Results

**Weyerhaeuser 69** — Trenary 32, Dandy 11, Pollen 7, McGregor 6, Grant 6, Ruddy 4, Hull 2, Hinds 1. **Holiday Inn 64** — Hamlin 18, Madill 12, Simon 11, Finch 8, Swanson 6, Smith 4, Weaver 4, Weiler 1.

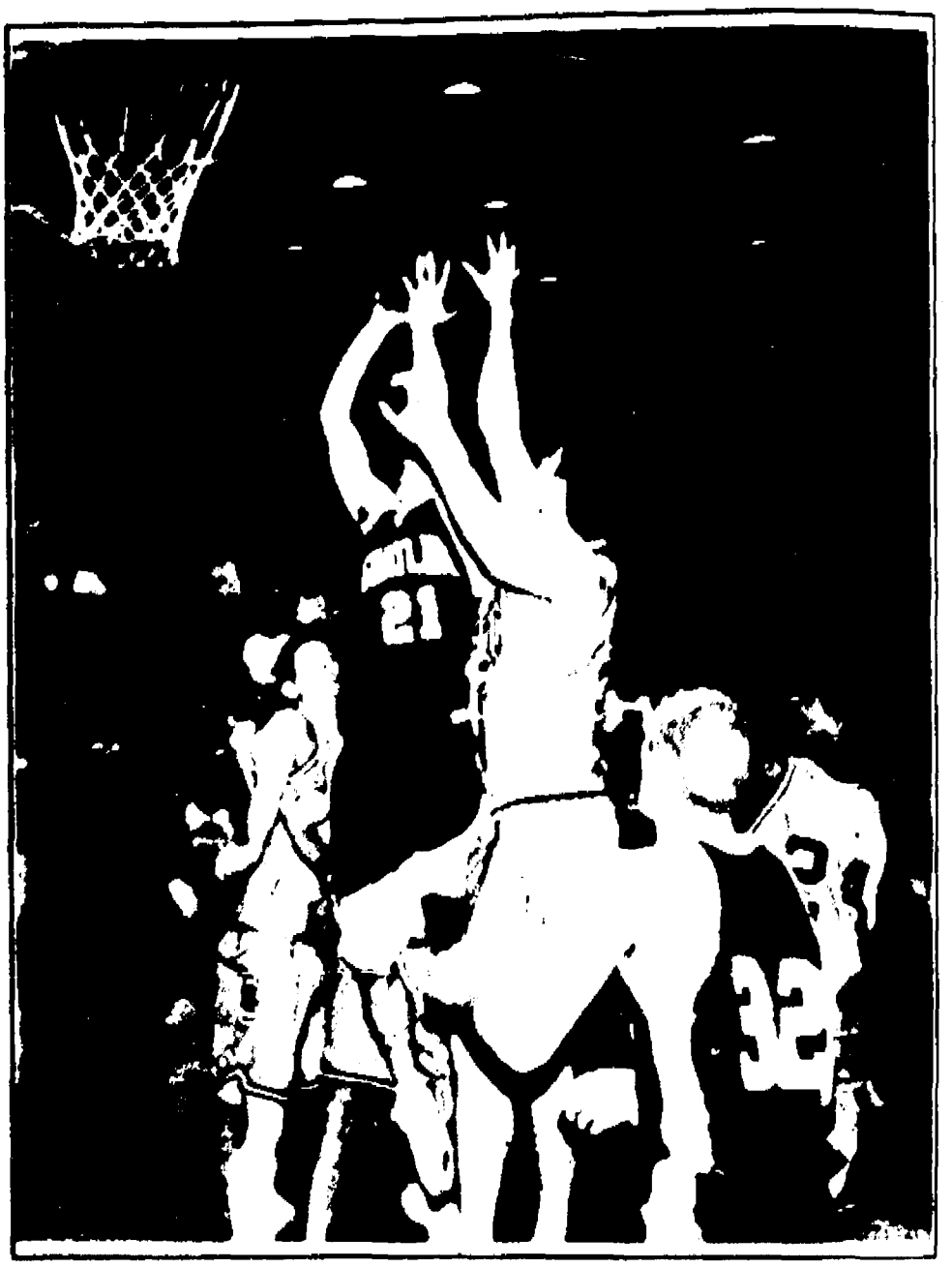
**Sawmill/GEO Signs 71** — Kirk 22, T. Doremire 15, M. Doremire 9, White 9, Junttila 7, Bindschattel 6, Trudgeon 3. **Spike's 65** — Patterson 28, Church 10, Kucharek 10, Thompson 9, J. Gardiner 4, Potter 3, T. Gardiner 1.

**Sawmill/GEO Signs 71** — Kirk 16, Junttila 15, M. Doremire 9, Latusek 9, T. Doremire 7, White 5, Trudgeon 4, Dittmer 4, Bindschattel 3. **Weyerhaeuser 59** — Trenary 15, Hull 14, Ruddy 10, Dandy 7, Grant 5, Pagel 3, Pollen 3, Hinds 2.

Tournament Champion: Sawmill/GEO Signs.



**APPLYING PRESSURE** -- Ben Haskel (left) applies defensive pressure against his Gaylord opponent. The Vikings were defeated in their district game. photos by Craig Hoffman



**IN TRAFFIC** -- Sam Modica (21, pictured above and below) puts up a shot in heavy traffic against a tough Gaylord team.



**FINISHING THE SEASON** -- Members of the Weyerhaeuser and Holiday Inn teams compete in the Grayling Basketball League. Weyerhaeuser won 69-64. The championship was won by Sawmill/GEO Signs after they defeated Weyerhaeuser 71-59 photo by Craig Hoffman

# Stats posted for all-conference volleyballers

The Grayling volleyball team ended its season last week, but not before six Vikings were recognized for their efforts in conference play.

Three volleyball players on the local team were named to the all-conference team, and three others were put on the honorable-mention conference team. As a team, the Vikings finished second in the Great Northern Conference

behind Rogers City.

The six Vikings named to the conference squads had outstanding statistical seasons, with these players leading the team in most categories.

Nicole Craigie, all-conference selection, finished as the team leader in blocks, with 211 on the season. Craigie also was second on the team with 356 spikes. Her other final-season

numbers were 707 passes, 165 serves, and 302 serves. St. Germain's season stat line included 566 passes, 139 tips, 100 sets and 59 saves.

Amy Godlewski, an all-conference setter, led the team this season with 953 sets and 320 serves. She was second on the squad with 208 tips. Godlewski ended the season with 381 passes, 10 blocks, 222 spikes and 58 saves.

Jessica St. Germain, an all-conference player, was the top hitter this year with 359 spikes. She was second on the team with 106 blocks

The honorable-mention selections from Grayling were Kristie Cadeau, Erin Smith and Jessica Waite.

Cadeau, a setter, was second on the team with 946 sets. She also finished with 482 passes, 3 blocks, 247 serves, 86 tips, 169 spikes and 56 saves.

Smith, who missed a couple of games this year due to injury, finished with 314 passes, 79 blocks, 125 serves, 46 tips, 14 sets, 170 spikes and 31 saves.

Waite, who was one of the defensive leaders, led the team in one defensive category, passes, with 783. She also added 24 blocks, 294 serves, 119 tips, 49 sets, 220 spikes and 29 saves.

## BOWLING LEAGUE

Sunday Nite Mixed	
C.S.I.	35.5-12.5
Us & Them	29.5-18.5
Mac's Drugs	27-21
Robideau Cons.	25-23
Pioneer Hills Marine	22-26
D.A.M.M.	20-28
Computer Services	19-29
All Season's Drywall	14-34
Men's High Game: J. Helsel, 215, M. Sumner, 206; R. Pyle, 192.	
Men's High Series: M. Sumner, 538; J. Helsel, 514; J. Robideau, 500.	
Women's High Game: P. D'Amour, 210; J. Hinds, 189; M. Hawkins, 188.	
Women's High Series: J. Hinds, 521; M. Hawkins, 477; P. D'Amour, 470.	

National First League	
Moore's Auto Parts	29-11
Crane's	27-13
Breakers Steak House	25-15
City Environmental	25-15
Northern Whitetail Ranch	16.5-24
Guns & Grub	14-26
Forrest Bros	13.5-27
Corkys D.J. & Karaoke	10-30
High Game: A. Angove, 214; B. Palmer, 209; D. Canfield, 207.	
High Series: D. Canfield, 570; A. Angove, 567; D. Henning, 551.	

American Men's League	
Northwoods Land	7-0
Stitches Sue	5-2
McLean's Ace	5-2
Upper Lakes	4-3
Rods Auto Body	3-4
BCT	2-5
Auto Parts	2-5
Fentons Auto Service	0-7
High Game: R. Pyle, 229; B. Palmer, 224; D. Henning, 221.	
High Series: M. Pyle, 581; D. Henning, 570; L. Davis, D. Metzger, 557.	

Senior Citizens League	
Cornell's Realty	58-42
Buccelli's Pizza	57.5-42.5
Totten's Body Shop	53.5-46.5
Century 21 Realty	51-49
Mac's Drug Store	50-50
Bayham Wood Products	46-54
Flowers By Josie	42-58
Sylvester's Sports	40-60
Men's High Game: O. Brantley, 201; D. Germain, 193; P. Mead, 187.	
Men's High Series: G. Wolfe, 489; H. Ingram, 484; P. Mead, 481.	
Women's High Game: D. Brantley, 191; B. Harmer, 176; G. Donnelly, D. Hall, 164.	
Women's High Series: G. Donnelly, 462; D. Hall, 451; E. Hulbert, 449.	

Triangle League	
3=D's	8-4
Moshier Auto	8-4
JJ's Motor Mall	7-5
Airway Auto	6-6
Grayling Ford	5-7
Jackson Trio	5-7
Blankmen	5-7
Barber Cons	4-8
High Game: M. Campbell, 246; R. Buskirk, 211, 198; D. Myers, 192.	
High Series: M. Campbell, 568; R. Buskirk, 550; J. Helsel, 549.	

Northwood	
Wakeley's Auto Parts	26
House of Cabinets	25
Rich's Cycle Service	22
Helsel Brothers	21
R. Callins & Sons	20
Millikin's	18
Glen's	15
R&M Masonry	13
High Game: P. D'Amour, 196; B. Helsel, 194; S. Roman, 191.	
High Series: S. Roman, 543; B. Helsel, 515; P. D'Amour, S. France, 477.	

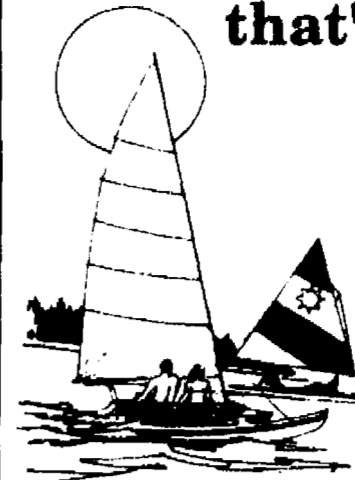
Friday Night Mixed Doubles	
Helsel Bros. Logging	30-14
A. Bulldog Towing	29-15
Moshier Auto Repair	22-22
Advance Collision	20-24
No-Fear	20-24
Tees-N-Such	19-25
Cedar Motel	18-26
AJD Forest Products	18-26
Men's High Game: B. Trudeau, 217, 201; R. Schreiber, 191; R. Moshier, 190.	
Men's High Series: B. Trudeau, 588; R. Schreiber, 502; B. Evon, 479.	
Women's High Game: C. Evon, 179; K. Moshier, S. Rioux, 173.	
Women's High Series: K. Moshier, 512; S. Rioux, 506; C. Evon, 475.	

Pioneer League	
Deb & Dale's	27-9
Millikin's	24-12
Custom Interior	22-14
Lady Slippers	18-18
Chemical Bank	17-19
Aunt Betty's	14-22
Avalanche	11-25
Mercy Hospital	11-25
High Game: C. Jones, 245; S. Sumner, 199; S. France, 189.	
High Series: C. Jones, 599; S. France, 535; N. Glaslee, 501.	

Recreation League	
Scheer Motors	27-9
Fun-N-Sun	26.5-9.5
North Country R.V.	24-12
Mickey Perez CPA	18-18
Mark 8	16-20
Peterson Saw Service	13.5-22.5
Glen's Market	11-25
Cornell's	8-28
High Game: S. Rioux, 189; S. Noeske, 183; C. Hanranczak, 182.	
High Series: J. Michal, 490; S. Rioux, 488; D. Mead, 483.	

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MIAMI (O.) - Jerry Gonnell-REMAX

CINCINNATI - Grayling Big Boy Restaurant

BUTLER - Radio Theatre

IOWA ST. - Century 21/Grayling

ILLINOIS ST. - Milltown Motors

XAVIER - Cornell Pool Estate

VANDERBILT - Super 8 Motel

UCLA - Showtime Collision

CHARLESTON SO. - Fick & Sons, Inc.

**MIDWEST**

**EAST**

N. CAROLINA - Moore's Automotive

FAIRFIELD - Friends & Co. Coffee House

INDIANA - Grayling Red Barn

COLORADO - Randy Thompson Century 21

CALIFORNIA - Wendy's of Grayling

PRINCETON - JCPenney

VILLANOVA - Grayling Holiday Inn

LONG ISLAND U. - Northland Area Federal Credit Union

NEW MEXICO - Hospitality House

OLD DOMINION - Jansen Insurance Agency

LOUISVILLE - Heads Up North

U MASS - Continental Rental

WISCONSIN - The Bicycle Shop

TEXAS - DuBois Lumber Co.

S. CAROLINA - Fox Fun Country Club

COPPIN STATE - Grayling Country Club

KANSAS - Ole Dam Rd. Party Store

JACKSON ST. - Jansen Sales & Service

PURDUE - Glen's Market

RHODE ISLAND - Mac's Drugs

MARYLAND - Diane's Car Wash

C. CHARLESTON - Scheer Motors

ARIZONA - Charlie's Country Corner

S. ALABAMA - McLeane Ace Hardware

GEORGIA - Upper Lakes Tire

TENN. CHAT. - Grayling Glass

ILLINOIS - Hi Tech Computers

USC - Sunnyside Tanning Center

MARQUETTE - Buccelli's Pizza

PROVIDENCE - Flowers by Josie

DUKE - Sylvester's Sports

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Sale	Description	Tax	Sale	Sale	Description	Tax	Sale
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Sale No.	Description of Land	Tax Year	Sale Amount	Sale No.	Description of Land	Tax Year	Sale Amount
CITY OF GRAYLING				CITY OF GRAYLING			
CITY OF GRAYLING PLATS				CITY OF GRAYLING PLATS			
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	LOT 1 & LOT 2 BLOCK SIX BRINKS SECOND ADD TO THE CITY OF GRAYLING	1994	1,529.67	857	20-070-200-006-003-00	1994	120.81
850	20-070-181-005-005-00	1994	1,846.56		LOTS 3 & 4, BLK. 6, ROFFEE S ADD.	1994	1,178.96
	LOT 5, BLK. 5, HADLEY S AMENDED LOT 6 BLK. 5 HADLEY S AMENDED	1994	1,053.45	858	20-070-200-010-005-00	1994	756.80
851	20-070-181-005-011-00	1994	789.34		LOT 3, BLK. 11, ROFFEE S ADD.	1994	335.83
	LOT 11, BLK. 5, HADLEY S AMENDED	1994	562.29	859	20-070-200-022-005-00	1994	150.29
852	20-070-181-008-009-00	1994			LOTS 5 & BLK. 22, ROFFEE S ADD.	1994	898.41
	LOTS 9 & 10, BLK. 8, HADLEY S AMENDED	1994		860	20-070-200-025-001-00	1994	
853	20-070-182-002-009-00	1994			LOT 1, BLK. 25, ROFFEE S ADD. & SE 1/2 OF LOT 2 BLK. 25	1994	
	LOTS 9 & 10, BLOCK 2 HADLEY S SECOND	1994		861	20-070-200-028-005-00	1994	
854	20-070-182-007-006-00	1994			LOT 5 BLK. 28 ROFFEE S ADD.	1994	
	FRN LOT 8, BLOCK 7 HADLEY S SECOND FRN LOT 1 BLOCK 23 ROFFEE S	1994		862	20-070-200-028-008-00	1994	
		1994			LOT 6, BLK. 28, ROFFEE S ADD.	1994	

## Important Notice Relative To Delinquent Taxes

Because the list of Delinquent tax lands for tax sale advertising must necessarily be made up several months ahead of time in order to get it in the printer's hands, several descriptions are included in the Crawford County list on which taxes have been paid.

IF YOUR 1994 AND PRIOR YEARS TAXES HAVE BEEN PAID, YOUR LAND CANNOT BE SOLD IN THE MAY 6, 1997, TAX SALE.

If you have not paid your taxes and your land is listed for sale, you must pay at any time up until Monday, May 5, 1997.

We shall be glad to answer any other questions you may have about the tax sale here at the Treasurer's Office.

Joseph V. Wakeley  
Crawford County Treasurer

-13-20-27

## 'Master Gardener' to begin

Spring is just around the corner and it is time to begin thinking and planning your garden. Those who dream of spring can begin to develop their green thumbs this month through a program offered by the Michigan State University Extension. Master Gardener is an intense comprehensive educational program.

MSU Extension is providing its Master Gardener program from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays beginning March 18. Classes will be held at the Lyon Township Hall at Higgins Lake. The course fee is \$150 for individuals and \$200 per household, if household members share the 500-page reference book that is provided. Instructors for the course will be a combination of

University and professionals in their field.

To qualify as a master gardener, 10 weeks of three-hour classes, including plant and soil science, lawn care, pest management, woody ornamentals and flower gardening must be completed.

In addition to course work, gardeners must complete 40 hours of community service, including answering gardening questions for others, working on community beautification, talking to local groups, leading a garden group or other activities.

For registration forms, interested people may contact the Roscommon County Extension Office at (517) 275-5043 or the Crawford County Extension at (517) 348-2841, ext. 264.

## GMS Spirit Week to begin March 20 for Media Center

"Circus-Circus" is the theme for Grayling Middle School (GMS) Spirit Week activities. In conjunction with National Middle School Month, GMS will celebrate the uniqueness of the early adolescent, beginning with an activity night Thursday, March 20.

The week will be filled with activities that include an assembly, Mr. and Miss Viking competition, daily grade competitions, and Viking Time competitions. Grade levels earn points throughout the week for their enthusiasm and spirit through the competitions.

The goal of Spirit Week is to continue to improve the Grayling Middle School Media Center. In order to do this, students ask for donations

which count as votes for the Mr. and Miss Viking competition. These donations are used to purchase materials which include books, computer software, reference books, and various other media materials.

This year school officials are asking parents and friends of Grayling Middle School to donate to the Media Center fund. This year the Modern Woodmen of America will match the donations, dollar for dollar, up to \$2,500. This opportunity will allow the school to purchase even more materials.

Persons wishing to contribute to this project can send their contributions to the Media Center at Grayling Middle School, 500 Spruce Street, Grayling, Michigan 49738.

## LEGAL ACTION

### STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

File No. 96-3859 CK (M)  
CAROLINE M. HALL,  
Plaintiff  
vs.  
PATTI M. PARTELLO and  
CARL S. PARTELLO, JR.,  
Defendants  
DAVID R. SABIN P19822  
Attorney for Defendant  
115 Michigan Avenue  
Grayling, MI 49738  
(517) 348-5588  
CARL S. PARTELLO, JR.  
Defendant In Pro Per

6464 AuSable Street  
Frederic, Michigan 49733  
PATTI M. PARTELLO  
Defendant In Pro Per  
P.O. Box 465  
Grayling, MI 49738

#### NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that by virtue of an Order of the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, Michigan, directing the sale of the following property, legally described as follows: Lots 5 and 6, Block 1, McRae's Addition to the Village of Frederic, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 01, Page 09, Crawford County Records, Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan.

I shall offer the property for public sale to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse at 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan in Crawford County, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court on Wednesday, April 16, 1997 at 10:00 a.m.

Kirk A. Wakefield  
Sheriff/Under Sheriff

-27-6-13-20-27-3

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by MICHAEL J. LEWIS, a single man, of 3341 N.E. Trail, Grayling, MI 49738, to NORTH CENTRAL AREA CREDIT UNION, of 129 Lake Street, P.O. Box 727, Roscommon, MI 48653, dated January 16, 1995, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, and State of Michigan, on January 23, 1995, in Liber 389, Pages 213-218, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest the sum of Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Three and 94/100 (\$13,653.94) Dollars, and no proceedings have been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative.

NOW THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage thereof and in pursuance to the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage thereof will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or as much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door of the Courthouse in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on 3 April 1997 at 10:00 a.m., of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage together with Eight and 2/10 (8.2%) percent interest, legal costs, attorney's fees, and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgage does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit: Lovells Township, Crawford County, Michigan:

Lot 54, NORTHERN HEIGHTS, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, page 27, Crawford County Records. Street address: 3341 N.E. Trail, Grayling, MI 49738

The period of redemption will be Six (6) months from the date of sale unless determined to be abandoned pursuant to M.C.L.A. 600.3241 (1) whereby the period of redemption shall be thirty (30) days.

This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Dated: 18 February 1997  
By: Gerard F. Brabant P31123  
LAW OFFICES OF GERARD F. BRABANT, P.C.  
Attorney for Mortgagee  
241 Lake Street, P.O. Box 35  
Roscommon, MI 48653  
(517) 275-4365

-27-6-13-20-27

### MORTGAGE FORCLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE — Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Howard A. HAYES and Susan M. HAYES, his wife to Grayling State Bank, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated December 4th, 1995 and recorded on December 5th, 1995 in Liber 404, on Page 243, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America as assignee, by an assignment dated 12/4/95, which was recorded on February 24, 1997, in Liber 425, on Page 503, Crawford County Records, which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Three and 22/100 dollars (\$38,863.22), including interest at 8.12% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 11:00 o'clock A.M. on April 23rd, 1997.

Said premises are situated in City of GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 4 and the Southeasterly 1/2 of Lot 5, Block 12, Roffee's Addition to the City of Grayling, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated March 13, 1997

#### FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:

(810) 642-4202  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys for FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION,  
301.50 Telegraph  
Suite 100  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025  
File #97020825

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## Poet's Corner

### My Dolly

My dolly is so bright, her eyes are just for me  
And when I talk to her, she doesn't ever disagree.  
When I'm crying, I take her by the hand,  
No matter what the problem she will always understand.  
I hold her when I go to bed, I see her in my dreams,  
If I have a nightmare, she understands my screams.  
My feelings hurt when mommy says, not now, I'm busy don't you see  
I go find my dolly, she never turns her back on me.  
Too bad the world is so cold and always full of folly,  
I'm sure I don't know what I'd do, if I didn't have my dolly.

George Watson

## PUBLIC HEARING

### "DECRIMINALIZATION OF CRAWFORD COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE"

A public hearing will be held by the board of commissioners for further review of decriminalizing the Crawford County Zoning Ordinance. The public hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 15, 1997, at 11 am, in the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738.

Sandra Moore,  
County Clerk/Register of Deeds  
March 7, 1997

### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CRAWFORD COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE

#### Section 25.06 - Penalties

The County Board, or any owner or owners of real estate within the district in which such buildings, structures or land use is situated may institute injunction, mandamus abatement or any other appropriate action, actions or proceedings to prevent, enjoin, abate, or remove any said unlawful erection, construction, maintenance or use of land, buildings or structures. The rights and remedies provided herein are cumulative, and in addition to all other remedies provided by law.

#### Section 25.07 - Enforcement Procedure

The following additional enforcement procedures may be applicable in the instances of violations of (1) provisions of this Zoning Ordinance, (2) approved special uses, (3) approved planned unit developments, (4) approved site plans or (5) decisions of the Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning and Zoning Commission, County Board of Commissioners, or Circuit Court relative to a particular land use development or activity approved under the provisions of this Zoning Ordinance:

- When a violation is initially determined by the Zoning Administrator, it shall be the Administrator's responsibility to issue a "Notice of Zoning Ordinance Violation" to the owner(s) and occupant(s) of the lot or parcel upon which the zoning violation has occurred. This Notice shall be issued on a special form for this purpose and shall at least include the following information pertinent to the violation:
  - Date and location of each violation observed by the Zoning Administrator.
  - Name (s) and addresses of owner (s) and occupant (s).
  - Specification section (s) of the Zoning Ordinance which has been violated. If more than one violation, list each violation and each section violated.
  - Length of time allowed before further prosecution of the violation (s).
- Failing compliance by owner (s) and occupant (s) by specified date in A. above, the Zoning Administrator shall issue a "Second Notice of Zoning Ordinance Violation."
- Failure to comply with the procedures outlined in A. and B. above shall then upon recommendation of the Zoning Administrator result in the issuance of a "Notice of Show-Cause Hearing" by the County Planning and Zoning Commission and the holding of a special hearing by the Commission for those parties interested in the violation (s).
- Failure to comply with the procedure of A, B, and C above shall then result in the issuance of a "Show-Cause Hearing, Finding and Order" by the County Planning and Zoning Commission. The Show-Cause Hearing, Finding and Order Form shall indicate the findings of fact about the violation (s) by the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Commission's conclusions and its order for compliance with the Zoning Ordinance with respect to each violation.
- In the event of a failure to comply with the procedure outlined in 1-4, the County Board above may then institute of a procedure to seek prosecution of violations in Circuit Court consistent with the relief measures set forth in Section 25.06.
- In lieu of the procedures outlined in Sections 25.07 A-D, the County Board, upon recommendation of the Zoning Administrator, may proceed directly to Circuit Court to seek prosecution of violations in a manner consistent with the relief measures set forth in Section 25.06.
- County Board of Commissioners, Zoning Board members, Zoning Board of Appeals members, Building Administrator and any other County official or employee charged with administrative and enforcement duties and responsibilities under provisions of this Zoning Ordinance are hereby protected from all personal liability for damages to persons or property resulting from the carrying out of their duties and responsibilities, providing each official or employee is conducting the carrying out of their duties of their office responsibly to the best of their judgment. In accordance with Public Act 55 of 1970 (MCL 69.1408) any civil charges brought in the conduct of their duties and responsibilities shall be defended by a legal representative of the County until final adjudication of the charges has been concluded and decided upon. If a judgment for damages is awarded against any of the aforementioned county officials and employees as a result of a civil carrying out of their duties and responsibilities under the provisions of this Zoning Ordinance, the County shall pay, negotiate or do all that is necessary to arrive at a settlement in order to abate the charges and satisfy the judgment, providing an official or employee is conducting the carrying out of their duties of office responsibly to the best of their judgment

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## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of the Mortgage made by STEPHEN DAMER and LEANNE L. DAMER, husband and wife, as Mortgagee, to CRAWFORD COUNTY HOUSING REHABILITATION & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (formerly known as the Crawford County Housing Commission), as Mortgagee, as follows:

Mortgage dated March 1, 1991 and recorded July 19, 1991 at Liber 327, Pages 535-537 of the Crawford County Records with a current balance as of January 24, 1996 in the amount of \$9591.56; further that insurance on the premises and/or taxes have been paid by the Crawford County Housing Rehabilitation & Community Development Commission totalling \$916.55, a balance of \$10,508.11 currently owing as of February 15, 1997; no legal or equitable proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by the Mortgage, and the power of sale in the Mortgage contained having become operative by reason of the default.

Notice is now given that on WEDNESDAY,

MARCH 19, 1997 AT 10:00 A.M. at the front door of the Courthouse in the City of Grayling, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on the Mortgages, together with the legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorneys fee as provided by law and in the Mortgage, the land and premises mentioned and described in the Mortgage as follows:

Lots 3 and 4, Block 1, Dilly's South Addition to the Village of Frederic, according to the recorded plat thereof. All located in the Village of Frederic, County of Crawford, State of Michigan

The length of the redemption period will be one six (6) months from the date of this sale. Property may be redeemed by paying the amount of the bid at the Foreclosure Sale, plus interest and any unpaid encumbrances on the property from the date of the sale.  
Dated 02/13/97  
David R. Sabin, Attorney for  
Crawford County Housing  
Rehabilitation & Community  
Development Commission, Mortgagee  
115 Michigan Avenue  
Grayling, Michigan 49738  
(517) 348-5588

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## NOTICE

As of Friday, March 7, 1997, at 6 am, The Road Commission For Crawford County has put on weight restrictions for travel on all primary and local roads.

At a minimum, commercial haulers are expected to comply with the Michigan Department of Transportation Standard, which is load reductions of 35%.

In the event of a quick thaw, lesser loads may be required. Please contact the Road Commission (517) 348-2281, should you be a hauler with a specific question about restricted roads.

This notice is being issued in coordination and cooperation with area road commissions.

James Briney  
Managing Director

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Michigan Department of Military Affairs (DMA) is seeking public participation in the continued cleanup of groundwater at the Grayling Army Airfield, Camp Grayling, Michigan. Diesel fuel, that was impacting groundwater as a result of a 1984 spill, has been successfully removed. However, during routine sampling of monitor wells in 1993, it was discovered that perchlorethylene (PCE) was present in groundwater at the site. PCE may have been used at this site in the past, as a cleaning solvent. This substance has migrated into the groundwater at the southern end of the airfield and must be remediated. The current system in place to remove contaminants is protecting residential water supply wells, but is not efficiently removing PCE.

The DMA seeks your input in the selection of a redesigned cleanup system to accelerate the removal of PCE. A Feasibility Study detailing several proposed cleanup systems is available for review at the following locations:

Environmental Office  
Building 30  
Camp Grayling, MI 49738  
(517) 348-3600

Crawford County Library  
100 South James  
Grayling, MI 49738  
(517) 348-9214

Written comments will be accepted until April 14, 1997, and should be sent to the Camp Grayling Environmental Office at the above address.

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# FEATURES

## HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of March 9-15

### ARIES

March 21-April 20

Clear away all distractions early in the week, and you'll be able to enjoy some unbroken concentration later. Focus on a particularly thorny problem and you may come to a new understanding. This weekend, eschew loud gatherings in favor of spending time with a friend.

### TAURUS

April 21-May 21

This week holds promise for being unusually productive. Long trips and long, rambling conversations yield fruitful insights. Your cheerful attitude and winning personality could lighten up another person's rotten mood, so don't be shy—draw them out!

### GEMINI

May 22-June 21

This is a terrible week to indulge in gossip. No matter how good your intentions are, things will backfire, so keep your mouth closed instead. Don't hesitate to help where it's needed; however, just offer it in an open, friendly manner to avoid any costly misunderstandings.

### CANCER

June 22-July 22

Staying at home instead of looking for adventure helps you bank a little extra money. It will come in handy later in the week, or possibly in a week or two. The conservative approach is best, especially when it comes to handling your finances this week.

### LEO

July 23-August 23

Treat yourself and a friend to a culinary experiment. You've got nothing to lose, and it could be a lot of fun. This week is also good for making lifestyle changes that involve your diet or exercise. Your resolve is unusually strong, so you can stick to your new routine.

### VIRGO

August 24-September 22

Head away from the beaten path to add a touch of adventure to your life. Face up to your responsibilities. No one else can handle them for you, so don't expect to be let off the hook. A close friend offers support during a particularly difficult time.

### LIBRA

September 23-October 23

A free-spirited acquaintance has a great outlook. Follow that lead, and your mood should improve dramatically toward the weekend. Early in the week, count on the unexpected. You may not be able to plan for it, but you'll be better prepared to roll with things.

### SCORPIO

October 24-November 22

Get some busy work out of the way early in the week to clear the way for an enjoyable weekend. If you can't afford a getaway, try to treat your mate or sweetie to little things, like breakfast in bed. Don't let yourself be talked into anything—back off and then make your own decision.

### SAGITTARIUS

November 23-December 31

Getting a talkative person to buckle down and get some work done will be a chore, but if you use your charm, it might not be as bad as you expect. If you're planning a purchase, don't overlook nontraditional sources for finding the things you need at a reasonable price.

### CAPRICORN

December 22-January 20

Use your creativity to stretch your budget and create a memorable occasion. Romance is favored toward the weekend, so take a risk—ask that special someone for a date, or share your feelings with your sweetheart. Call an old friend this week.

### AQUARIUS

January 21-February 18

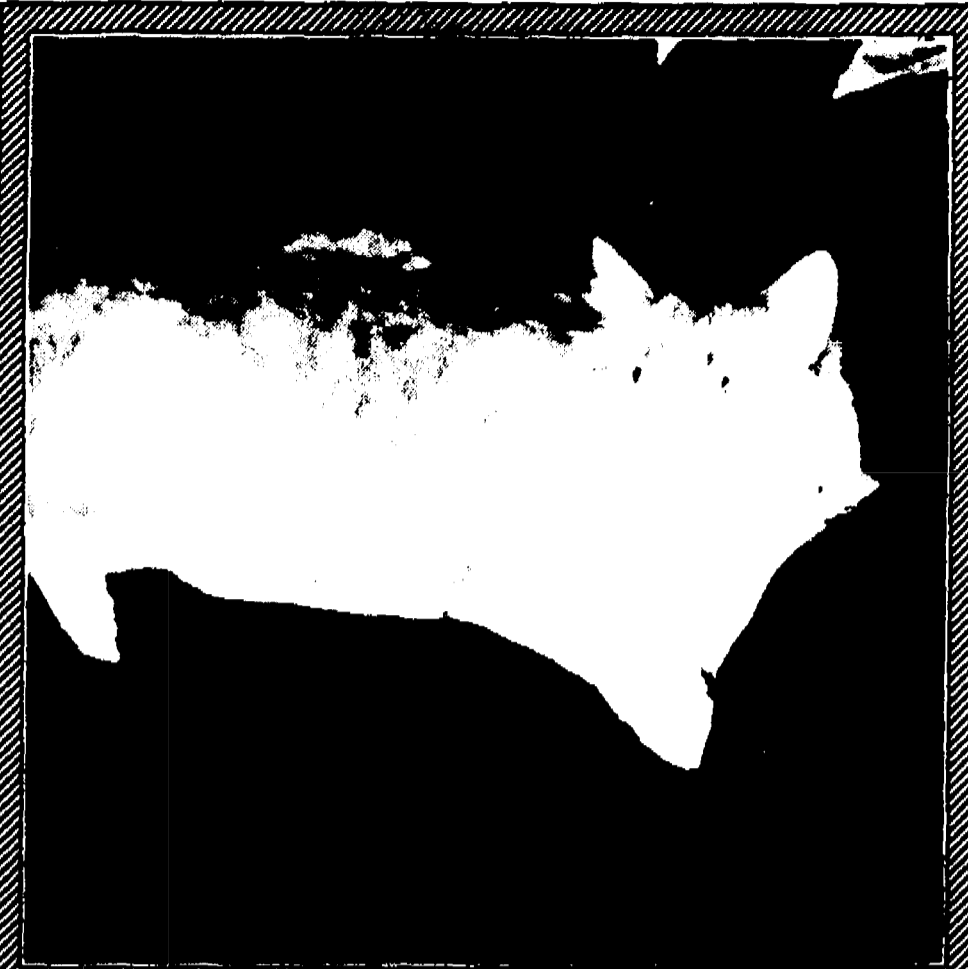
If you're trying to keep a secret, watch out for inadvertent slips. If the wrong person hears the right thing, all your careful effort could be in vain. Head outdoors for an antidote to a bad case of spring fever. You might even put some roses in your cheeks!

### PISCES

February 19-March 20

Avoid impulse spending—a bill could be looming. This week is a good time to reorganize—whether it's closets, drawers, finances or priorities. If you need a loan or some advice, count on a friend whom you've known for years.

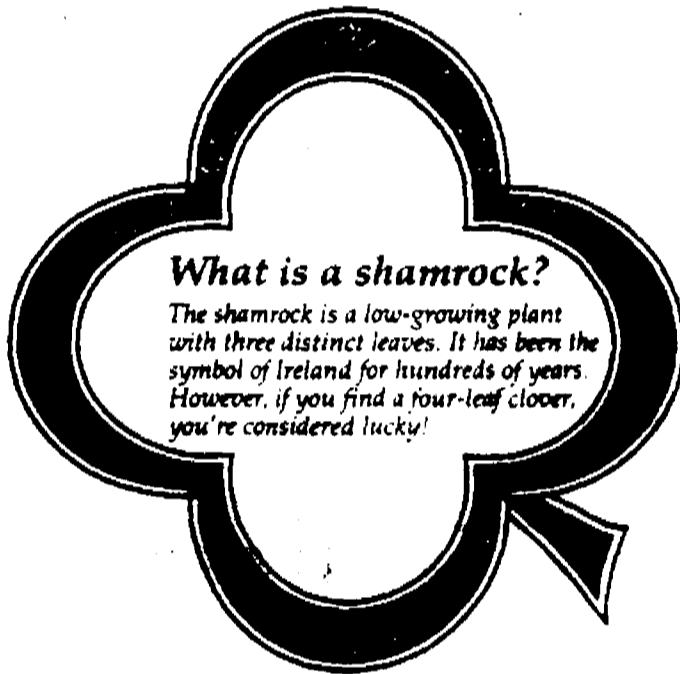
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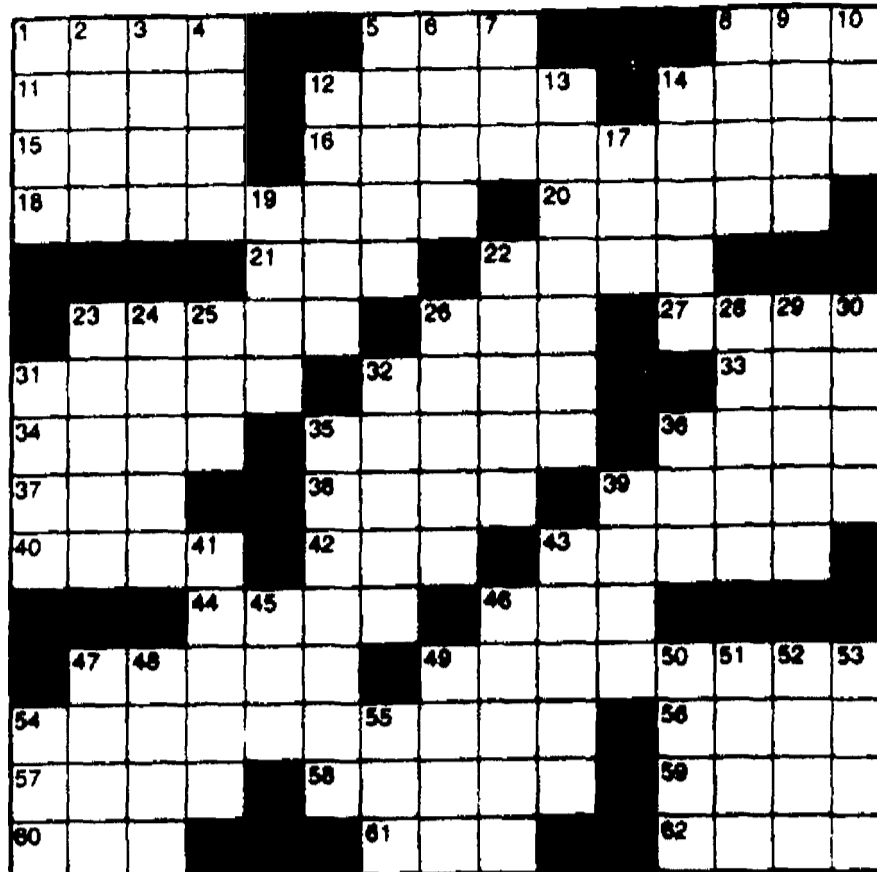
**CATS AVAILABLE** — Crawford County Animal Shelter has a number of cats available for adoption. Several have been spayed and neutered. To adopt any of the pets available, stop by or give the Animal Shelter of Crawford County a call at 348-4117.

## PET CARE TIPS

During the winter, check the inside of your dog's kennel periodically for mold and mildew. If present, there is an increased risk of respiratory and skin infections, warns the Animal Protection Institute.



## CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

1. Breach of secrecy
5. Space between
6. Go, team!
11. In some other way
12. Madrid mister
14. Two Years Before The Mast author
15. Author Parent
16. Teases
18. Turtles
20. Sign for another season
21. German spa
22. Alpha follower
23. Moons
26. Poke
27. Eleventh, for one
31. Not urban
32. Queen, in India
33. Book of literary sayings
34. Bacchanalia
35. Goodbye, Mr. Chips actor
36. Birdsong of basketball
37. Oversized tart
38. Daring Krievet
39. Choppers
40. Duchin of music
42. French article
43. Ward off
44. Wading bird
46. Pal
47. India's neighbor

### DOWN

1. Mark of a full-bodied wine
2. Zip
3. Far East's locale
4. Sawweed
5. Equips
6. Miller and Jilian
7. Fish trap
8. Destroy
9. Freshly
10. ...been
12. Dams up
13. Malted cheese dish
14. Alice's cat
17. ... The Sunshine in'
19. Bell sound
22. Pleadinous
23. Cheerily
24. Encouraged
25. Aye's opposite
26. Alexander and Seymour

28. Bad western
29. Jesse's quest
30. Measles symptom
31. Funambulist's need
32. Wanders about
35. Samsen's conqueror
36. Above, poetically
38. Balls
41. Scared sounds
43. Purify
45. Roadblock
46. ... press (weightlifting)
47. Lax vanity
48. Author Wiesel
49. Election paraphernalia
50. Step ... (2 wds.)
51. Old horses
52. On the summit
53. Great quantity
54. ...-shelter
55. Sessasras or chamomile

This week's Puzzle is sponsored by:  
**Bell Hearing**  
Drive a little. Save a lot!  
2874 M-72 • Kalamazoo  
616-258-6577

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

### 23 Years Ago March 14, 1974

The House of Representatives last week passed the bill lowering speed limits on Michigan highways to 55 miles per hour and as you read this new signs are probably already being installed.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Thompson of Pontiac visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Elsey and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Thompson, the past weekend.

Marvel Zimmerman, installation and maintenance supervisor and Eldon Norman, central office supervisor for General Telephone, recently completed the company's "Basic—Management" course held at its state headquarters training center in Norton Shores near Muskegon.

Cadet ISG Douglas R. Harris, son of Mrs. Clifford Peterson of Grayling, has been promoted to the rank of Cadet Second Lieutenant and has the new duty assignment of Platoon Leader in Company "B" at Kemper Military School and College, Boonville, Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Bollman and family are enjoying a trip in the West. The Cheerful Givers Club will meet with Mrs. Jane Commons on Thursday evening at 7:30.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Calkins and family of Detroit spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abbott Walker.

Mrs. Lottie Kurchenko passed away in Florida on Thursday, March 7. Mrs. Kurchenko has been a summer resident of Lovells for about 30 years. She was always very interested in all community affairs and has many friends who extend their deepest sympathy to her family.

Among the students named to the Ferris State College Honors List were: Audrey Ann Kequom, Diane T. Duley, Richard C. Gould, Steven J. LaGrow, and Michael J. McNamara.

Carl Partello represented the Grayling Vikings in the Class "C" State

Wrestling Tournament held in East Lansing last Friday and Saturday. He placed 7th in his division and finished the season with a 23-6 record. Carl is the first Viking wrestler to reach the state finals.

Michelson Methodist Church again invites the community to a family square dance, Friday, March 15, 7:30 till 10:00 p.m.

Attention, all eligible young men between the ages of 11-18! Frederic has started a Boy Scout Troop. Harold Barker is in charge of the troop.

There will be an active G.H.S. Alumni Association again. At the request of Superintendent Fraser Dean, the past Board of Directors will get it started. Past President James LaGrow as resigned and Clara L. Sorenson has been named President ProTem.

### 46 Years Ago March 15, 1951

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Miller drove over to Oscoda Saturday on a business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. F.J. McClain had dinner Sunday with the Hank Schmidt's at Shu-Pac Lake.

Richard Dawson spent a few days in Detroit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Bidvia left Sunday for Detroit and Ann Arbor.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Strong, son Robert and Carl Golnick spent the weekend in Detroit visiting Mr. and Mrs. C.J. Elston.

The Junior Youth Fellowship of Michelson Memorial Church enjoyed a skating party in Gaylord on Saturday. The senior group spent Sunday evening at the Spencer Church, where they furnished a musical program and showed some pictures.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Horning at Mercy Hospital on Wednesday, March 7. He has been named John Wesley. Mrs. Horning and son were released from the hospital on Sunday.

Miss Barbara Borchers and friend Miss Helen Gould of Three Rivers visited the former's parents, Mr. and

Mrs. Ernest Borchers here recently.

Dr. and Mrs. R.L. Barrus left for their home in Lansing last Thursday after spending several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tufts left last Thursday for Ft. Riley, Kansas to spend the remainder of the month. Mr. Tufts a reserve officer of the U.S. Army is instructing at the camp.

Comm. and Mrs. George Griffith have returned home after spending the past week in Milwaukee, where they attended the Wildlife Conference held at the Hotel Schroeder.

Mrs. Bertha Williams has arrived home from Flint, after spending the winter there.

Dr. and Mrs. C.G. Clippert left for Detroit Tuesday, the former to attend the annual post graduate convention of the Michigan Medical Society.

James Kitchen has passed his physical test for the Air Corps and left Monday evening by plane to Lackland Field, Florida.

Earl Gierke spent the weekend in Detroit visiting his mother, Mrs. A.F. Gierke.

### 69 Years Ago March 15, 1928

Jack Zeder has been ill at his home with a siege of tonsillitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Nelson are the happy parents of a son who arrived at their home Tuesday.

To celebrate her daughter Joan's birthday, Mrs. David Montour entertained eight little boys and girls last Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hagman are enjoying a visit from their daughter Mrs. Felix Erickson, who arrived Monday from Pocatello, Idaho.

A nine pound son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Canfield of Beaver Creek Township on Tuesday, March 4th.

County Clerk Charles Gierke announces that he has received a supply of the new resident trout fishing licenses.

The Embury-Martin mill whistle is sweet music. The mill is now getting into full operation.

Mrs. Cletus St. Pierre and children left yesterday for Niles to join Mr. St. Pierre, who has been employed on the railroad there since December.

Here's hoping the snow will soon be a thing of the past. Old residents can not remember the beautiful being drifted and piled up like it is this year. Some families have been snowed in almost entirely the past week.

Frank Leng, mother and friend were here last week visiting Mrs. Albert Lewis and the Lang brothers.

Max Tobin is afflicted with the flu at present.

The concert given by the children of the primary department of the Michelson Sunday School at church last Friday was a huge success. Those taking part were Patricia McKenna, Albert Knibbs, Bobby Welsh, Donald Wood, Madeline Greenwood, Helen Elaine McLeod, Dorothy Wakeley, Margaret Smith, Perry Greenwood, Ruth \*Burrows, Eva Wheeler, Gloria McNeven, John Hanson, Beatrice and \*Virginia Peterson, Charles Bradley, Billy Joseph, Floyd Wylie, Fred Wood, Percy Griffin and Georgiana Lands.

Don Gothro was platform manager. Mrs. Peter McNeven who is superintendent of the primary department is to be congratulated.

Mrs. Flora Hill, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Sarah Buck, has returned to her home in Gladwin.

## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Date	High	Low	Precip.	Snow on Ground
3/05	38	22	0.01	23.0"
3/06	35	22	0.02	23.0"
3/07	25	-6	0.03	24.0"
3/08	26	-4	0.27	27.5"
3/09	32	12	—	27.0"
3/10	33	21	0.28	27.0"
3/11	37	22	0.04	26.0"

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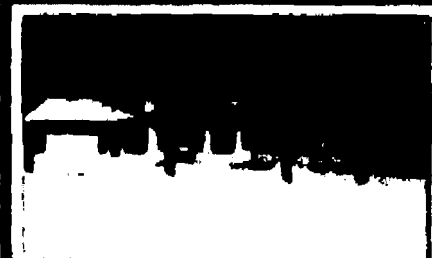
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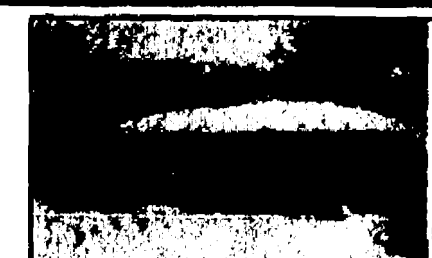
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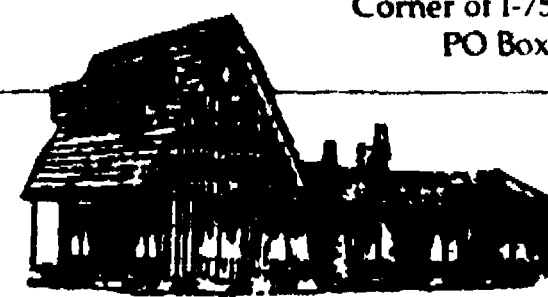
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**OWNER FINANCING** on this 2 bedroom home, located on 2.5 acres (90x120), also has several outbuildings. 20% down, 10% interest. \$29,900. (LM-919)



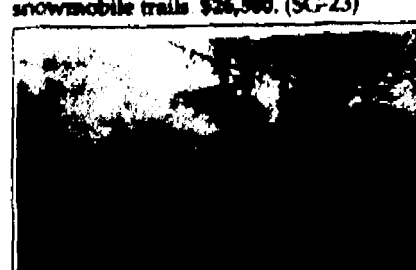
**MOBILE HOME** with second roof and addition, L.P. gas, good heat, two bedrooms, two baths, stove, and refrigerator. Lot of hardwoods adjoining state land, close to horse and snowmobile trails. \$26,900. (SG-23)



**HUNTING CABIN** on 80 wooded acres. 1/2 mile of blacktop road. Cabin sleeps seven and includes. Deck and parking slab. Available in Crawford County-so hurry. \$99,900. (LM-929)



**FOUR-BEDROOM HOME** with two baths, three new decks, full basement, and includes appliances. Located on 2.5 acres, 20 acres ready for home. Several outbuildings. Snowmobile and horse trail right out the door. \$87,900. (LM-912)



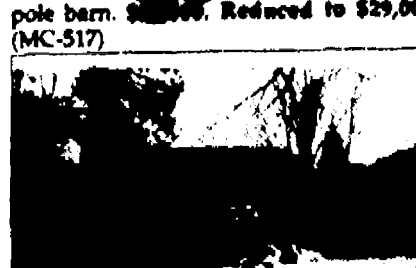
**MOBILE HOME WITH ADDITION** Four bedrooms, two baths, located on 2+ acres, with a large lot. Ausable River, 30x60 pole barn. \$29,900. Reduced to \$29,000. (MC-517)



**CITY CONVENIENCE** Three-bedroom, two-bath home, like-new condition. Natural gas hot water heat. Includes stove, refrigerator, washer & dryer. Deck and parking slab, four ceiling fans. \$89,900. (LM-920)



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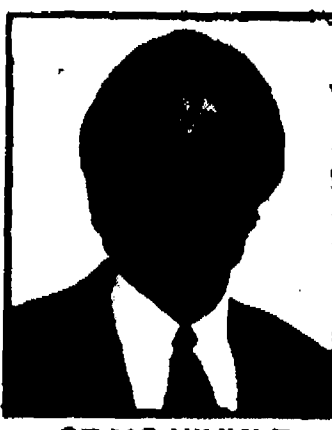
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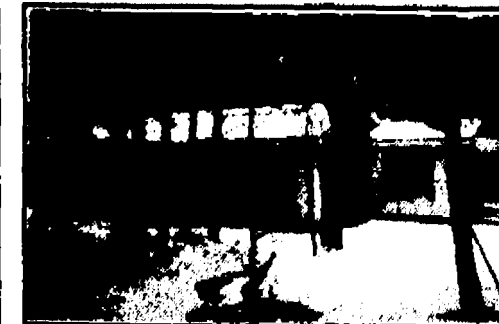
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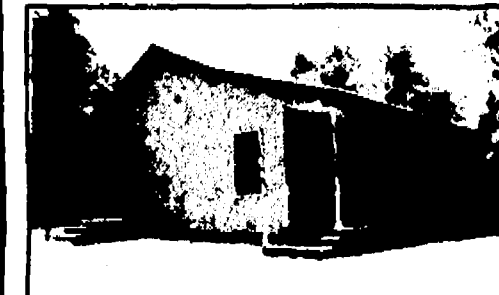
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**CHARMING LOG HOME** Secluded setting close to Grayling. Adjoins state land on two sides. 1 1/2-story vaulted ceiling with loft. 1.48 acres at end of dead-end road. 960 sq. ft., two bedrooms, one bath. \$48,900. CH-374

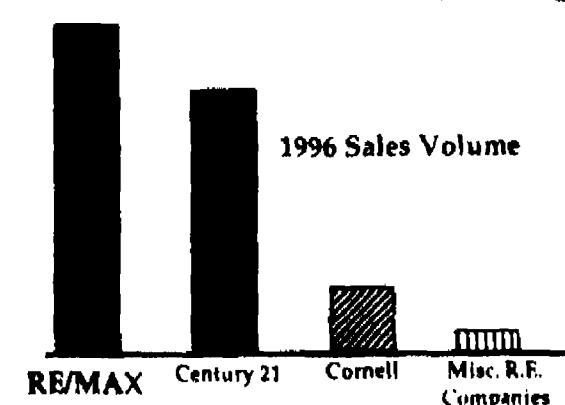


**PRIVATE ACCESS TO BEAR LAKE!** Cedar-sided 1 1/2-story home offers private setting on four lots with mixed hardwoods. Great room offers beautiful stone fireplace, cathedral ceilings and sliding door walls onto expansive deck. Recessed and track lighting, snack bar, full basement with partially-finished family room, air conditioning, ceiling fan, knotty pine interior with drywall and cable TV. Reduced, \$75,000. CS-427



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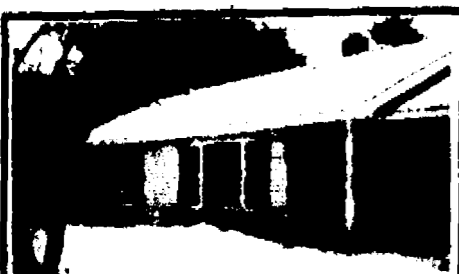
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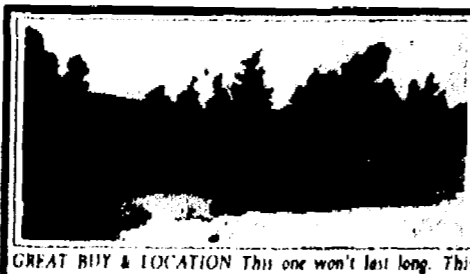
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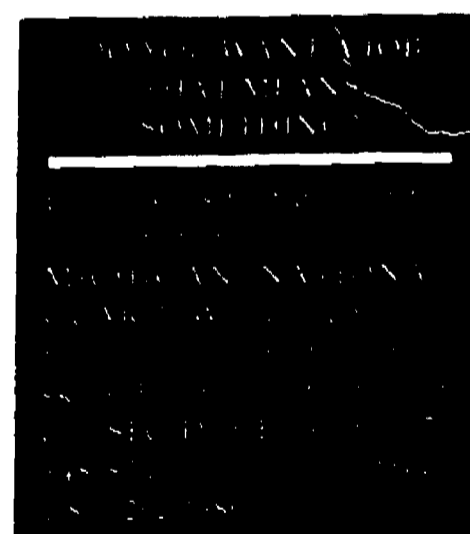
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## 8. Announcements

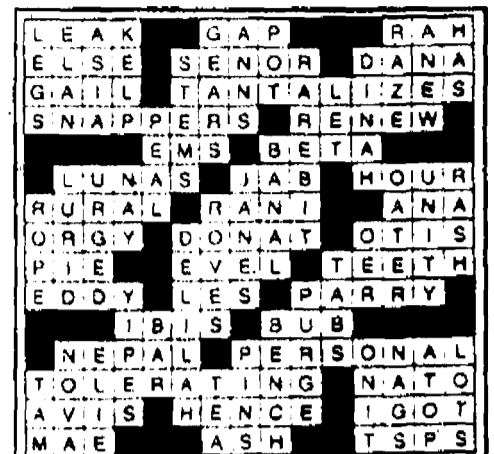
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Public is welcomed.

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Crawford County Habitat for Humanity P.O. Box 1046, Grayling, MI 49738  
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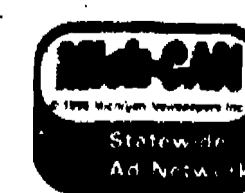
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## 7. Announcements

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TEAM** of Sawmill-GEO Signs. 1997 Men's League Basketball Champs! Sawmill Billiards.

## 9. Personals

**HOLY SPIRIT** You who made me see everything and showed me the way to reach my ideal. You who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me, and you who are in all instances of my life with me. I, in this short dialogue, want to thank you for everything, and confirm once more, that I never want to be separated from you no matter how great the material desire may be. I want to be with you and my loved ones in your perpetual glory. Amen. Thank you for your love towards me and my loved ones. M.



**Kacie June Bryan**  
Born 12/14/97 to  
parents Dawn & James  
We love you,  
Grandma & Grandpa



**Happy 4th Birthday**  
Dad, Mom, Grandpa

## 8. Announcements

**THE SAWMILL** is having Early Bird St. Pat's specials - all-u-can-eat corned beef and cabbage, salad and roll for \$5.95, Sunday 12-12 and Monday 11-6. Sawmill Billiards, Uptown Grayling.

## 10. Garage Sales

**INSIDE "GARAGE" SALE:** Cleaning house. Sat. March 15, 10-6 p.m. From Grayling - 75 S. to 4-Mile, west to Oak Rd., South two miles to black mailbox. Cornell Realty sign. 7860 S. Oak Rd. 348-3369.

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**1995 BUICK SKYLARK** Limited Coupe. Loaded, excellent condition. NADA price \$12,400, will sell for \$10,491. 517-275-8987.

**1988 GRAND WAGONER JEEP** with Western snowplow. Excellent condition. Call for more information. 348-2823.

# New public registry names convicted sex offenders

by Sharon Lulek  
Capital News Service

Sex offenders will have a harder time hiding their past as of April 1.

That's when a new law takes effect that opens to the public the names and whereabouts of convicted sex offenders. The registry was previously available only to the police.

Detective Sgt. Robert Carr of the Michigan State Police said local police agencies will provide the information in a binder at the front desk. It is still uncertain if people will need to present identification or sign in order to see the book, Carr said. However, there are no restrictions on whether anyone can see the registry.

"People don't need an excuse in order to see it," he said. The registry includes the name of the convicted sex offender, a physical description, social security number, blood type and a summary of past crimes.

Juvenile sex offenders will not be included in the list unless they were tried as adults, Carr said.

There are more than 22,000 offenders on the registry, Carr said. Of these, 7,200 were added just last year. The new law will have "overwhelm-

ing" positive effects for communities, said Sen. Michael Bouchard (R-Birmingham). Bouchard was the chief sponsor of the bill.

"This will allow families to be better informed about the threats in their presence," he said. "The government has the responsibility to provide this information."

However, Bouchard acknowledged that there is a "slim possibility" that vigilante activities may occur due to making the registry available to the public.

"Certainly that's not the intent of the legislation," he said.

Bouchard said he noticed reoccurring patterns with sex offenders during his 12-year stint as a police officer that provided the impetus for the legislation. The average pedophile has 150 victims, he said, and more than 50 percent of sex offenders become repeat offenders.

Bouchard said he wants people to be aware of these statistics and where offenders live within communities. Most importantly, Bouchard said he hopes the legislation will increase awareness in communities and help families to better educate their children about sexual crimes.

## FREDERIC LIBRARY NEWS

The Frederic Community Library changed hours in December on a trial basis. Officials have decided to make them the permanent hours. The hours are Monday and Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Wednesday and Thursday from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Any person having questions, comments, or complaints, may direct them to Frederic Community Library Advisory Board, P.O. Box 353, Frederic, Michigan 49733. Any letters written to the board must be signed by the person writing the letter.

The library is having a pre-school story hour every second Tuesday of each month through May. The dates are March 11, April 8, and May 13. The time is 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Please bring your pre-schooler to the story hour.

The Summer Film and Activity Program will begin on Tuesday, June 24. It will be every Tuesday through the summer. The time will be 1 to 2:30 p.m. Requested ages for this program are four to 14-years old.

The Frederic Library collects Glen's slips. The library is, from now on, saving the Glen's slips to go towards the purchase of a copy machine. They do not have one there and are very much in need of one.

If anyone has Glen's slips, they can donate them to the Frederic Community Library. Persons wishing to make a monetary donation towards

a copy machine can mail it to Frederic Community Library, P.O. Box 353, Frederic, Michigan 49733, or can stop in. Glen's slips can also be put in an envelope and dropped in the book return. The most recent check from saving Glen's slips was \$303.79.

The Class of 1941 donated to the Helen (Brooks) Madsen memorial. A book will be purchased in her memory, and her name will be placed on the memorial plaque.

The Grayling Masonic Lodge #356 F&AM and Michigan Masonic Foundation donated 10 books to the library.

The library has videos that can be checked out for one week with a deposit of \$2 per video. If the person returns the video on or before the due date, they will get their deposit back. Types of videos include cartoons, family movies, and educational videos. They also have Hooked-On-Phonics that can be checked out for one week with a deposit of \$10. On return of the phonics, the person gets their deposit back.

Individuals needing information from the library can call (517) 348-4067.

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# Exploration Days set to begin

Registration has started for Exploration Days 1997.

On June 18-20 Michigan State University will host its annual state youth development conference that attracts over 3,000 participants. Anyone 12 or older should plan to attend this annual event at MSU. Persons do not have to be a member of 4-H to attend.

The conference will feature activities for all. Persons can:

- Choose from 150 action-packed learning sessions from your favorite interest areas.
- See and hear top notch entertainment.

• Other highlights include: awards celebration, dance, swimming, planetarium show, museum, skating, canoeing, bowling.

• Make friends and enjoy leisure activities on the MSU campus.

The full-time participant fee is \$115. This includes all meals, shared lodging and sessions. A \$20 state scholarship is available and officials will be conducting a fundraiser to help kids earn their own way.

4-H Exploration Days is an exciting experience. Sessions fill up fast, so register now at the Crawford County Extension by calling 348-2844 ext. 264. Registration begins March 10.

# March celebrates the exchange student program

On Jan. 22, Gov. John Engler declared the month of March International Student Awareness Month. In doing so, he supported the Council for Educational Travel USA in their mission of "Reaching out to encourage a lifelong journey of global peace and understanding."

The Council for Educational Travel USA is a high school student exchange organization bringing students from nearly 20 different countries to the United States to study on academic year programs or for short-term cultural stays. Another goal of the organization is to send high school students from the states to other countries for the same type of programs.

In his proclamation, Engler recognized that citizens of the State of Michigan have become increasingly

aware of the importance and benefits of student exchange programs. That host families and host schools find an enriched quality of life and understanding of other nations and peoples. That through exchange programs, international students gain a personal understanding of life in the U.S. and that citizens of Michigan are pleased to join in the Council for Educational Travel USA's campaign to increase awareness of these benefits by encouraging international peace and understanding.

The council has many opportunities for people. Anyone could join the team of coordinators, become a host family or participate in the outbound program. Those interested can telephone the office in Grand Rapids at 1(888)CETUSA1, the toll free number.

# March is Red Cross month

Every year the President of the United States proclaims March as Red Cross Month. Throughout March many Michigan chapters of the American Red Cross will participate in the national Red Cross 1997 Community Campaign to reach out to the millions of people who support the work of the Red Cross, offering them a chance to contribute to this humanitarian organization.

The American Red Cross of Northern Lower Michigan serves 12 counties — Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Crawford, Emmet, Luce, Mackinac, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle and Roscommon. Every year, hundreds of Red Cross volunteers offer a variety of services focused on helping people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies such as house fires, tornados and winter storms.

The Red Cross also recognizes that the community must address quieter

emergencies — such as HIV/AIDS education and homelessness. These pose an even greater threat to the long-term vitality of our society. As one of the largest humanitarian organizations in the United States, the Red Cross is engaged on the front lines in the fight against these problems in northern lower Michigan. It does this through the services that are consistent with its congressional charter and fundamental principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

The Red Cross is not a government agency so it relies on the generosity of its network of youth and adult volunteers and financial contributions from the local community.

Individuals interested in making a financial contribution may do so by calling 800-691-6059 or by writing a check or money order payable to: American Red Cross of Northern Lower Michigan, 109 N. Second Avenue, Alpena, MI 49707.

# Avoid Michigan's railroad tracks

Railroad tracks can be a dangerous place for winter sports and recreation enthusiasts. While out hiking, hunting, cross-country skiing or snowmobiling, many Michigan residents and visitors risk their lives by trespassing on railroad property, Michigan Operation Lifesaver said.

Winter is a great time to enjoy Michigan's beautiful outdoors. For many, that means snowmobiling, hiking, hunting, or cross-country skiing. While out, always remember to stay well away from railroad tracks along the way. Walking or riding on railroad property is trespassing, and very dangerous.

"We want to remind everyone enjoying Michigan's outdoors of the dangers of getting too close to the tracks. Last year nearly one thousand

Americans were killed or seriously injured while trespassing along railroad tracks," said Robert A. Welke, chairperson of Michigan Operation Lifesaver. "Please stay away from the tracks. We want to keep your Michigan winter adventures safe and fun."

Trespasser prevention is a high priority for Michigan Operation Lifesaver. The Michigan Railroads Association began a public education program in 1994 that continues today with the theme, "Know the Facts, Avoid the Tracks." Michigan Operation Lifesaver has been involved in numerous efforts in the last two years to try and reduce trespassing, including the ongoing production of four public service announcements (PSAs) as part of the "Don't Wreck

your Life" campaign, radio feeds, news releases, presentations to schools and other efforts.

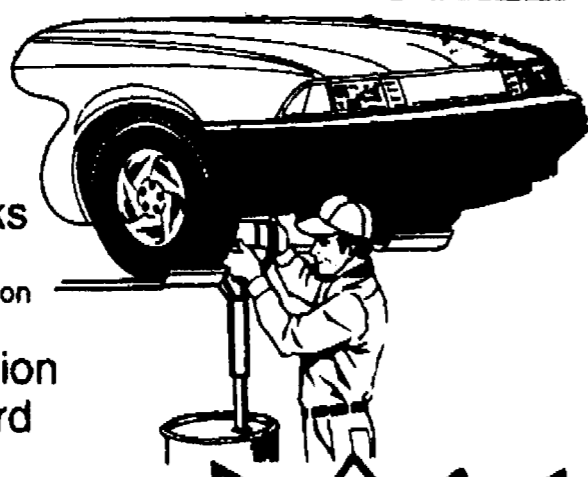
"Everyone needs to remember that railroad property is not a playground and is a dangerous shortcut," said Michigan Railroads Association President Bob Chapmka. "For your own safety, please only cross the tracks at marked crossings."

Operation Lifesaver is a nationwide, non-profit public education and information program designed to reduce the number of crashes, injuries and deaths at rail crossings. Michigan Operation Life is a partnership of the Michigan Department of Transportation, Michigan State Police, Michigan Railroad Association, AAA of Michigan and the individual railroads.

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**TURNING 90** — Former Grayling City Manager George Granger, Sr. celebrated his 90th birthday in Grayling on Wednesday, March 5. Granger, left, is pictured with current Grayling's current city manager, Jerry Morford. Granger was city manager from 1935 to 1947.